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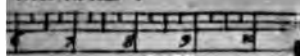
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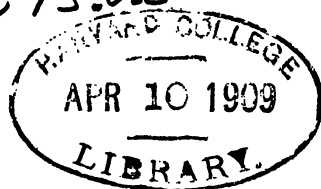
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LORD BURGHLEY'S MAP OF LANCASHIRE, 1590

IN the Record Office, *Dom. Eliz.*, vol. CCXXXV, No. 5, 1590, is a large coloured map on vellum of the county of Lancaster, showing the churches and chapels, with the principal seats of the gentry and their names. It was no doubt drawn up for the Privy Council to assist in tightening its grip, and thus to enable the government to bring extra pressure upon the great land-owners to conform to the new doctrines, for it was found that notwithstanding the sanguinary nature of the penal laws passed to stamp out all vestiges of the ancient faith, the vast majority of the gentry and people in Lancashire was completely out of sympathy with the religion established by the Queen's government. Indeed, it has been confidently asserted that the adherents to the ancient faith of the fatherland were more numerous in Lancashire at this period than they were at the commencement of Elizabeth's reign. Even the magistrates and law officers of the county were repeatedly reported to the Council as being mostly temporizers in religion or otherwise recusants. In "A Summarie Information of the State of Lancashire," exhibited by the Lord Bishop of Chester in this very year, *Dom. Eliz.*, vol. CCXXXV, No. 68, 1590, it is declared that (1) "the number of the recusants is great, and dothe dailie increase. (2) There maie be seen usuallie every Sonday and holiday, as hathe also very lately beene confessed, as many people repayre to place suspected in Religion as to the Parishe Church. (3) The Papists every where are growen so confident, that they contempne Magistrats and their authoritye, as maie appere by the late outrage shewed towards the Bishop and his officers at Wigan, as also by the lewde rebellious speeches and usage of the prysoners in the fletee at Manchester." The Bishop concludes, "The people in moost partes of the countie by meanes hereoft, as also throughe the great securytie wch they have gathered of late by the remysse execution of the penalties imposed upon divers by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, doe slide backe from all duetyfull obedience to the utter contempt and neglect of Religion and the religious service of God." This report is confirmed by "A Vewe of y^e State of y^e Countie Palatine of Lancaster, bothe for Religion and Civill government," *Dom. Eliz.*, vol. CCXXXV, No. 4, 1590, wherein is circumstantially described the position and character of the magistrates, knights, esquires, gentry, and their wives and families, widows and gentlewomen, the various parishes with their incumbents and number of communicants, the recusants indicted, and the law officers of the county. Unfortunately this particular document only covers the Hundred of West Derby, but there are numerous other reports tending to show that the northern parts of the county were even more opposed to the State religion which the government of Elizabeth sought by the most unjustifiable and savage methods to impose upon the country.

In the British Museum, O.R. Library, 18 D. III, is an ostensible copy on paper of the original vellum map, with additions, omissions and variances in the names of estate owners, specially prepared for the private use of Elizabeth's unscrupulous secretary of state, William Cecil, Lord Burghley. To many of these names his lordship has placed a +, an ominous mark against those gentlemen who, in his opinion, required extra coercion. It is now bound up with a large collection of maps, mostly composed of the series of Saxton's Counties of England and Wales, on the backs of which Lord Burghley has had engrossed the names of the justices of peace in each county, with the dates and places of their being sworn in, who were speci-

ally selected in 1592 to carry out with greater stringency the penal laws against the professors of the old faith. It may be as well to note that Saxton's map of Lancashire was published in 1577. The others range from 1574 to 1579. It is most probable that Saxton himself drew up the Lancashire map for Lord Burghley from his 1577 draft. He was again in Lancashire in 1596, when he measured and described the town of Manchester.

Lord Burghley's transcript has been chosen for reproduction on account of its clearness and greater simplicity of arrangement, the names in the original having been filled in without respect to uniformity, and being very difficult to decipher, but the names of the gentry on both maps have been incorporated in the notes in their correct or generally recognized form, and, in some few instances where seats only are marked, the names of their owners have been supplied.

The following notes are drawn from innumerable documents in the P.R.O. connected with the proceedings taken to enforce the adhesion of the people of Lancashire to the new State religion, the reports of Cecil's spies and informers, the recusant rolls, heraldic visitations of the county, local histories, registries of wills, family documents, and from various original MSS.

For convenience of reference the names are traced as nearly as possible from North to South.

NOTES IN ILLUSTRATION OF LORD BURGHLEY'S MAP OF LANCASHIRE.

Lonsdale, North of the Sands.

DERBY, Henry Stanley, 4th Earl of, of *Broughton Tower*, in the parish of Kirkby Ireleth, was the lord lieutenant of the county. This estate, formerly belonging to Sir Thomas Broughton, came under attainder in the reign of Henry VII, and was granted to the house of Stanley. The Tower was sold by Charles 8th Earl of Derby in 1657. In the 1590 "Vewe" he is praised for being "verie forwarde in the publique actions for religion," and his son, Ferdinando, Lord Strange, is credited with giving "good countenance to religion when he is with us." Lord Derby died at Lathom, Sept. 25, 1594, and his son, Ferdinando, the 5th Earl, is supposed to have died of poison in April, 1595. *Vide* under Amounderness and West Derby.

FLEMING, William, of *Hawkshead Hall*, in the parish of Hawkshead, and of Rydal Hall, co. Cumb., son and heir of Anthony Fleming by his second wife, Eliz., d. of Wm. Hutton, of Hutton, co. Cumb., mar. 1^o Margt. d. of Sir Jno. Lamplugh, of Lamplugh Hall, co. Cumb., and 2^o Agnes, sister of Sir Robt. Bindlosse, of Borwick Hall, co. Lanc. He died in 1601. His grandson Sir Daniel Fleming, M.P. for Cockermouth, was probably the first of his family to conform, and his son William was created a baronet in 1705. The family is still represented at Rydal.

KIRKBY, Roger, of *Kirkby Hall*, in the parish of Kirkby Ireleth, a recusant, as were all his descendants till early in the 18th century, married Margt., d. of John Preston, of Preston Patrick and The Manor of Furness, and was still alive at the time of St

George's Visitation in 1613, being then of the age of 95. The Manor of Kirkby descended to Col. Roger Kirkby, living in 1719, by whom it was mortgaged to a banker, the agent of Catherine, Duchess of Buckingham, who upon the banker's insolvency received the manor in part payment.

PRESTON, John, of *Furness Abbey*, in the Liberty of Furness, and of Preston Patrick and Under Levens in Westmorland, born in 1511, was the eldest son of Sir Thos. Preston, by Ann, d. of Wm. Thornburgh, of Hampsfield. His father had purchased from the crown the dissolved Abbey of Furness and other extensive estates, and John made Furness his principal seat, which henceforth was termed the Manor. He mar. Margt., d. of Sir Thos. Curwen, of Workington, co. Cumb., by Agnes, d. of Sir Walter Strickland, of Sizergh Castle. He was sheriff of the county in 1569, and M.P. for Lancaster in 1592-3. He was succeeded by his son Thomas, who was high sheriff in 1585, mar. Anne, d. of Jno. Westby, of Mowbree Hall, and died May 14, 1604. The latter's grandson, John Preston, was created a baronet in 1644. The title expired with the third baronet in 1709, whose two daughters and coheiresses were married respectively to Wm. Herbert, second Marquis of Powis, and Hugh Clifford, second Lord Clifford of Chudleigh. Quernmore Park, near Lancaster, passed to the Cliffords, and other estates in Westmorland and Northamptonshire were settled by Sir Thomas upon his two daughters during his lifetime, but the Manor and Abbey of Furness were adjudged to be forfeited to the crown under pretence that they had been settled upon the Jesuits when Sir Thomas entered the Society as a lay-member, twelve months after the death of his wife, in 1674. Ultimately his distant cousin Thomas Preston, of Holker, apostatized in order to claim the estates, which the government granted to him.

BARDSEA, Nicholas, of *Bardsea Hall*, in the parish of Urswick, the representative of a very ancient Catholic family. One Nicholas Bardsea, who died in or about 1586, mar. Cath., d. of Ralph Catterall of Catterall and Little Mitton, and relict of Hen. Shuttleworth and Rich. Hoghton; another, and the last male of his family, mar. Anne, d. of Wm. Banister, of Easington in Bolland, by Anne, d. of Thos. Preston, of Preston Patrick and Levens, and had issue two daughters and coheiresses, of whom the elder, Doro., married James Anderton, of Clayton Hall, and the younger, Eliz., mar. Lancelot Salkeld, of White Hall, Cumb. Nic. Bardsea was a royalist, and was slain during the civil war in 1642, and the manor of Bardsea passed to the Andertons, by whom it was sold about 1726 to Lord Molyneux, who used it as a hunting lodge.

PRESTON, Christopher, of *Holker Hall*, in the parish of Cartmel, second son of Sir Thos. Preston, of Preston Patrick and Under Levens Halls, co. Westm., and of Furness Abbey and Holker Hall. co. Lanc., mar. 1^o Margt., d. of Sir Thos. Southworth, of Samles-

bury, and 2^o Miss Pickering, and died May 27, 1594. The family remained staunch to the old faith till the apostasy of Thos. Preston, of Holker, with a view to obtaining the estates of Sir Thos Preston, of the Manor, 3rd Bart., after that gentleman joined the Jesuits in 1674. In accordance with the usual custom in such cases, the government rewarded him with the Furness estates. The apostate left an only dau., Kath., wife of Sir Wm. Lowther, Bart., of Marske, and the Preston estates are now held by the Duke of Devonshire.

THORNBURGH, William, of *Hampsfeld Hall*, in the parish or Cartmel, s. & h. of Sir Wm. Thornburgh, mar. Ethelred, d. of Sir Thomas Carus, of Kirkby Lonsdale, co. Westm., and Halton Hall, co. Lanc., Justice of the King's Bench, by Cath., d. of Thos. Preston, of Preston Patrick. The Thornburghs also owned Skelsmergh, Selside and Whitwell halls, co. Westm. One of them was president of Douay College from 1738 to 1750, and the family remained staunch to the faith till its extinction in the male line in the eighteenth century. The estates passed with Mary, d. of George Thornburgh (or Thornborough), of Leyburn, co. York, and granddaughter and heiress of Wm. Thornburgh, of Selside Hall, Hampsfeld, Skelsmergh, etc. (who died Jan. 31, 1743-4) into the family or her husband, Ralph Riddell, of Cheeseburn Grange, Northumberland, second son of Thomas Riddell, of Swinburn Castle and Felton Park, and heir to his uncle, Ralph Widdrington, of Cheeseburn Grange.

KNIFE, Roger, of *Rampside*, parish of Dalton, was the representative of an ancient family still residing there at the end of the seventeenth century, and always Catholic.

SINGLETON, John, of *Scales Hall*, in the parish of Aldingham, was the head of a branch of the very ancient family of his name seated at Lower Brockholes Hall, and Bank Hall in Broughton. The Scales Singletons were intermarried with the Butlers of Rawcliffe and other county families, and were always Catholic. Thos. Singleton was in possession in 1600.

Lonsdale Hundred.

MIDDLETON, George, of *Leighton Hall*, parish of Warton, son of Gervase Middleton, of the same, mar. 1^o Anne, d. of Sir Marmaduke Tunstall, of Thurland Castle, by Alice, d. & coh. of Sir Robt. Scargill, of Scargill Castle, co. York, and 2^o Margt., d. of Sir Xfer. Metcalfe, of Nappa in Wensleydale, co. York, by the Lady Eliz. Clifford, d. of Henry, Earl of Cumberland and his wife Margt., d. of Hen. Algernon, 5th Earl of Northumberland. His second wife was a widow and a recusant in 1598. His grandson Sir George Middleton was created a baronet in 1642, but dying without male issue the title became extinct, and the estate, after passing through the Somerford Oldfields, Hodgsons, Towneleys and Worswicks, all Catholic families, is now the property of Charles Richard Gillow, Esq., lord

of the manor of Warton, whose great grandfather, Richard Gillow, purchased the estate from his relatives the Worswicks.

BINDLOSSE, Sir Robert, of *Borwick Hall*, in the parish of Warton, was son of Robert Bindlosse, of Eshton, co. York, and died seized of the manor of Borwick in 1594. His son and namesake, Sir Robert, died about 1629, and was succeeded by his son Francis, bapt. Apr. 9, 1603, who mar. 1^o Mary, d. of Thos. Charnock, of Charnock, and 2^o Cecilia, d. of Thos. West, Lord Delawarr, by whom he had a son, Sir Robert Bindlosse, who was created a baronet in 1641, and died in Nov. 1688, leaving an only d. & h., Cecilia, wife of Wm. Standish, of Standish Hall, by whose descendants, the Stricklands, Borwick was sold to the Martons of Capernwray. The hall contained a domestic chapel, with an adjoining priest's chamber and secret hiding-place beneath. Charles II visited the mansion in Aug., 1651. It is now tenanted by a farmer, and is in a decayed condition.

HARVEY, William, of *Sellet*, in the Parish of Whittington. The name is not met with in local records. In 1591 Sellet Hall with other estates in Cartmel and Heysham was held by Robert Baynes, whose son and namesake succeeded him, and their descendants continued to reside there, and were recusants, for several generations.

TUNSTALL, Francis, of *Thurland Castle*, in Cantsfield, parish of Tunstal, and of Scargill Castle, co. York, was the son of Sir Francis Tunstall by his second wife Anne, d. of Wm. Bold, of Bold Hall. His father had married first, Alice, d. of Sir Wm. Radcliffe, of Ordsall Hall, by whom he had an only daughter, Bridget, wife of Fris. Trollope, of Thornley, co. Durham. Sir Francis had been a great sufferer for the faith, and was imprisoned in 1568, one of his offences being that he had entertained at his house Laurence Vaux, the last Catholic warden of Manchester collegiate church. Francis succeeded his father in 1588, and was equally staunch in his faith. He married Eliz., d. of Rich. Gascoigne, of Sedbury, co. York. Between 1600 and 1604 he sold Thurland Castle to John Girlington, (who, with his wife, was a recusant there in the latter year), and removed to Scargill Castle, an estate acquired by his grandfather Sir Marmaduke Tunstall through his marriage with Alice, d. & coh. of Sir Robt. Scargill. Marmaduke, the eldest son of Francis Tunstall, married in 1606 Kath., d. & h. of Wm. Wycliffe, of Wycliffe Hall, co. York, and thus brought that estate to the family. The Tunstalls were always very staunch Catholics, and many of them were priests and nuns. A descendant, Francis Tunstall, married Cicely Constable, d. of John, 2nd Viscount Dunbar, and his son Cuthbert assumed the name of Constable upon inheriting Burton Constable from his uncle Wm., last Viscount Dunbar, in 1718. Cuthbert's daughter, and heiress to her brother, married Edw. Sheldon, second son of Wm. Sheldon, of Beoley Hall, co. Worcester, and his

sons successively assumed the name of Constable. From the latter the estate passed to Sir Thos. Clifford, Bart., of Tixall, co. Stafford, and upon the death of his grandson, Sir Fred. Augustus Talbot Clifford-Constable, 3rd Bart., in 1894, Burton Constable was inherited by the Chichesters.

CANSFIELD, Thomas, of *Cantsfield Hall*, in the parish of Tunstall, and of Robert Hall, in the parish of Tatham, a recusant, mar. Frances, d. of Brian Fowler, of St. Thomas' Priory, co. Stafford, by Jane, d. & h. of Jno. Hanmer, of Bettisfield Hall, co. Flint. He was the father of Sir John Cansfield, the famous royalist commander of the queen's regiment of horse, who is said to have saved the lives of Charles I and the Prince by a decisive charge at the second battle of Newbury, Oct. 10, 1644. Father Brian Cansfield, S.J., was another son, born at Robert Hall and baptized at Tatham Church Dec. 17, 1580, and his nephew Charles, a son of Sir John, was ordained priest at Rome in 1643. The family ended in the male line upon the death of John Cansfield, Aug. 29, 1680. He married Eliz., d. & h. of James Anderton, of Birchley Hall, by Anne, d. of Sir Walter Blount, of Sodington, co. Worcester, Bart., and his 2nd dau. Mary Cansfield, the eventual sole heiress to the Cansfield and Anderton estates, mar. Sir Wm. Gerard, 5th Bart., of Garswood Hall, in whose descendant, Capt. Frederick Gerard, Robert Hall is now vested. The Cansfields always kept a chaplain in the house, and Robert Hall remained the seat of the mission till its final absorption in that of Hornby. The hall is now a farmhouse, and the ancient chapel is in a very dilapidated condition.

MONTEAGLE, William, Lord, of *Hornby Castle*, in the parish of Melling, was summoned to parliament as Baron Monteagle in the lifetime of his father, Edward Parker, Lord Morley, in right of his mother Eliz., d. and h. of Wm. Stanley, 3rd Lord Monteagle. He mar. Eliz., d. of Sir Thos. Tresham, and one of his daughters, Frances, was professed at the English Augustinian Convent at Louvain in 1626. It was Lord Monteagle who received the letter disclosing the Gunpowder Plot. He succeeded to his father's barony of Morley in 1618, and died in 1622. The family suffered so much for their attachment to the ancient faith and the royal cause that in 1663 they were obliged to convey the castle and honor of Hornby to a friendly catholic, Robert Brudenell, subsequently Earl of Cardigan, whose grandson George Brudenell, Earl of Cardigan, sold it in 1713 to Col. Fris. Charteris, of infamous memory, since which time the castle has ceased to have Catholic associations.

MORLEY, Thomas, of *Wennington Hall*, in the parish of Melling, who held estates in Great and Little Mearley, in the parish of Whalley, whence the family derived, was the son of Thos. Morley, of the same, and his wife Eliz., d. of Geoffrey Starkie. He succeeded his father in 1558, and mar. Eliz., d. of Thos. Curwen, of Gressiard Hall, by Agnes, d. of Hen. Witham, of Liddesdale. His

son and namesake about 1587 mar. Anne, d. of Wm. Redmayne, of Ireby Hall. They were all recusants. The estate was sold to the Marsdens in 1673 by Robt. Morley. A junior branch, descended from Josias Morley, 2nd s. of Fris. Morley, of Wennington, and his wife Cassandra, d. & coh. of Josias Lambert, of Calton, in Craven, continued to reside at Hornby, and were great supporters to that mission till about 1714. A third son of Fris. and Cassandra, Fris. Morley, born Aug. 3, 1614, spent his fortune in the royal cause, and was obliged to seek refuge in France. During his absence his wife, believing him to be dead, married again, & his two sons were brought up Protestants, the first of the family, and their representatives are now seated at Marrick Park, co. York.

CARUS, Thomas, of *Quernmore Park*, in the parish of Lancaster, an estate of the Prestons, was the son of Sir Thomas Carus, justice of the King's bench, who resided at Halton Hall, situated on the north bank of the Lune, in the parish of Halton. His father married Kath., d. of Thos. Preston, of Preston Patrick, co. Westm., and died July 3, 1571, and the son married Anne, d. & sole h. of Wilfrid Preston, of Over Biggins, co. Westm, and left an only d. & h. married to Sir Nic. Curwen, of Workington Hall, co. Cumb. His brother Sir Christopher Carus purchased Halton Hall & manor from Philip, Earl of Arundel, and his wife, the Lady Ann, one of the daughters and coheiresses of Thomas, Lord Dacre, in whose family it had been for a long period. The Carus family continued to reside at Halton till the estate was sold in 1743 by Thomas Carus, the first of his family to conform to the Established Church. Previous to this the family had been noted for its staunch adhesion to the ancient faith of the country, as well as for its loyalty to the Stuarts, in both of which causes their sufferings were very great.

GERARD, Sir Gilbert, of *Ash-on Hall*, a baronial residence in Ashton-with-Stodday, in the parish of Lancaster, which he obtained with his wife Anne, d. & h. of Thos. Radclyffe, of Winmarleigh. He was master of the rolls at this time, and had been attorney general to the Queen and one of the knights of the shire. His wife and at least two of his daughters were good Catholics. He died Feb. 4, 1592-3. Further notices of him will be found under Amounderness and West Derby. His eldest son, Sir Thomas, was created Baron Gerard, of Gerard's Bromley, co. Stafford, in 1603. The Ashton estate passed to the Duke of Hamilton through his marriage in 1660 with the d. & h. of Digby, 5th Lord Gerard. In 1853 the estate was sold by the then Duke of Hamilton to the Starkies of Huntroyd, and subsequently re-sold to Mr Williamson, of Lancaster, who has since been created Lord Ashton.

PRESTON, Thomas, of *Ashton*, in the parish of Lancaster, second son of Xfer. Preston, of Holker Hall, married in 1585 Eliz., relict of Sir Xfer. Wandesford, of Kirklington, co. York, sheriff of

that county in 1578, and d. of Sir Geo. Bowes, of Streatlam Castle, co. Durham, marshal to Queen Elizabeth and one of the privy council, by Doro., d. of Sir Wm. Mallory, of Studley, co. York. Thos. Preston was probably a temporizer in religion. He died *s.p.*

DALTON, Robert, of *Thurnham Hall*, in the parish of Lancaster, was the son of Thos. Dalton and his wife Anne, d. of Sir Rich. Molyneux, of Sephton, and inherited Thurnham from his uncle Robert Dalton. He married Eleanor, d. of Wm. Hulton, of Hulton Park, was sheriff of the county in 1577, and died in 1615. The Daltons were all staunch recusants. Upon the death of Robert Dalton's grandson and namesake in 1704, the extensive estates passed to his elder d. and ultimately sole h., the wife of Wm. Hoghton, of Park Hall, in Charnock Richard, whose descendants assumed the name of Dalton, and by them were held till the death of Miss Eliz. Dalton in 1861, when they were inherited by the Fitzgeralds, baronets, of Castle Ishen, co. Cork, and upon the death of Sir Gerald Richard Dalton-Fitzgerald, 10th Bart., in 1894, they reverted to a branch of the Daltons who had emigrated and lost the faith of their forefathers.

TUNSTALL, Francis, of *Lentworth*, one of the twelve vaccaries of the township of Over Wyersdale in the parish of Lancaster, has been noted under Thurland Castle. He also appears to have owned Aldcliffe Hall, subsequently acquired by the Daltons. Lentworth Hall is still in Catholic hands, being the property of the Leemings of Lancaster.

Amounderness Hundred.

KITCHEN, Barnaby, of *Pilling Hall*, in the chapelry of Pilling and the parish of Garstang, born 1535, was the younger and surviving son of John Kitchen, formerly of Hatfield, Herts, but of Pilling Grange in 1538, who in 1543 obtained a grant from Henry VIII of the dissolved Abbey of Cockersand and the Grange and manor of Pilling. The hall alone is indicated on the map, as at this time Barnaby was only tenant under his sister Anne, widow of Robert Dalton, of Thurnham Hall, and moreover a bill of complaint as to the ownership of the estate had been lodged in 1590 by relations claiming under the will of Barnaby's elder brother John. Their father, previous to his death in 1562, had settled Pilling upon his son John, and his wife Grace, but as the son died *vivo patre* about 1550 *sine prole*, he re-settled the estate upon his daughter Anne and her husband Robert Dalton, eldest son of Wm., son of Roger Dalton, of Bispham, and his wife Jane, d. of Sir Jno. Towneley, of Towneley, who after her husband's death became the second wife of John Kitchen, the father of Mrs. Dalton by his first wife Agnes, d. of Wm. Clark, of Herts. Robt. Dalton died *s.p.* in 1578, and Cockersand Abbey, besides Thurnham and other estates, passed to his nephew and namesake, who was father of the famous Colonel Thos. Dalton, who raised a regiment of horse in the royal cause and died at Marlborough, Nov. 2, 1643, of wounds received at the second

battle of Newbury. The Colonel's sisters were the "Seven Catholic Virgins of Aldcliffe Hall," who in spite of the bitterest persecution scorned to change with the times, as commemorated by an inscribed stone formerly at Aldcliffe but now at Thurnham Hall. The Daltons were all noted for their fidelity to the ancient faith, as also for their loyalty. They maintained priests at Thurnham, Bulk and Aldcliffe Halls (*vide* under Lonsdale). Immediately after her husband's death, Anne Dalton by deed agreed that the manor of Pilling should descend to her brother Barnaby Kitchen, who resided at the Grange, or Hall as it was afterwards called. Accordingly, after her death, April 10, 1593, her brother succeeded to the Pilling estate. He was twice married, 1^o to Anne, d. of Sir Rich. Aughton, of North Meols, and coh. to her brother John Aughton, who *ob. s.p.* in 1550 *ætat.* 60, by whom he had an only d. Alice, born 1554, sole h. to her mother, and wife of Hugh Hesketh, and 2^o to Alice, relict of Wm. Forshaw, by whom he had two daughters, Anne, born 1582, wife of Rich. Ashton, of Croston Hall, and Eliz., born 1587, wife of Nathaniel Banastre, of Altham Hall. Barnaby Kitchen died July 6, 1603, and the Pilling estate was eventually, in 1649, partitioned amongst the representatives of his three drs. and cohers. The hall and one third of the demesne was assigned to the Banastres, another third of the estate to the Heskeths, and the remaining third to the Ashtons. In the 18th century the Banastre and Ashton shares were purchased by Edm. Hornby, of Poulton-le-Fylde and Scale Hall, and in 1772 the remaining third was purchased by his son, the Rev. Geoffrey Hornby, rector of Winwick, and the whole estate is now held by his descendant. For further notice of B. Kitchen, *vide* under West Derby.

RIGMAYDEN, John, of *Wedacre Hall*, in the parish of Garstang, lord of the manors of Nether Wyersdale, Garstang, &c., as lessee under the Abbot of Cockersand, the representative of a family seated at Wedacre for centuries and allied with the leading gentry of the county, born 1527, married Jane, d. of Fris. Morley, of Wennington Hall, and had an only son Walter, born about 1557, and a daughter Elizabeth. He was a staunch Catholic, and in consequence was greatly persecuted, even suffering imprisonment in 1567. He died Oct. 22, 1587. His son Walter, the last of this fine old family, was so terrorized by fine and persecution that at length his mind gave way under the stress, and after his father's death an *Inquisition* was opened at Preston, on Nov. 10, 1587, touching his incapacity to succeed to his father's estate. And though declared a lunatic, the usual fines for recusancy were extracted from him, and his name, as well as that of his wife, appears annually on the recusant rolls till 1598, if not later. His wife, whom he married at Garstang on May 21, 1573, was Anne, eldest d. of Edw. Tyldesley, of Myerscough Lodge and Morleys Hall, and the settlement was dated Dec. 4, 1573. He had one son Thomas and three daughters, but they all died young. In 1602 his executors sold his interest in the manor of Garstang to Sir Gilbert Gerard.

GERARD, Sir Gilbert, whose name has been written by Lord Burghley above that of Lord Derby of Greenhalgh Castle and opposite to Garstang, acquired with his wife Anne Radclyffe the manors of Garstang, Barnacre, &c., though at the time these were under lease from the Abbot of Cockersand to the Rigmaydens of Wed-acre. Sir Gilbert has been noticed under Lonsdale Hundred.

DERBY, Henry Stanley, 4th Earl of, of *Greenhalgh Castle*, in Barnacre-with-Bonds, in the parish of Garstang, was lord lieutenant of the county, and as commissioner for ecclesiastical causes, and a member of the Council of the North, was a vigorous persecutor of recusants. Greenhalgh was erected by a previous earl in the reign of Hen. VII in defence of his interests in that part of the county. It was besieged during the civil wars, and subsequently dismantled. *Vide* under Lonsdale North of the Sands and West Derby.

TYLDESLEY, Thomas, of *Myerscough Lodge*, in the parish of Lancaster, against whose name under Morleys, in West Derby Hundred, Lord Burghley has placed a +, was son of Edward Tyldesley, of Myerscough and Morleys, younger son of Thurstan Tyldesley, of Wardley Hall, by his second wife Jane, d. of Sir Ralph Langton, baron of Newton. The Tyldesleys were deputy master-foresters of Myerscough to the Earls of Derby. Thomas Tyldesley succeeded his father in 1586, and married Eliz., d. of Xfer. Ander-ton, of Lostock Hall, and died in 1590, just in time to escape the pressure which Lord Burghley intended to inflict. His widow appears in the 1590 "Vewe" as a recusant convict, and she was reported to Lord Burghley in 1598 as "one of the most obstinate" recusants, but as this was the very year of the remorseless secretary's death, it is to be hoped that she did not feel the full weight of his heavy arm. One of his daughters, Eliz. Tyldesley, became abbess of the Poor Clares at Gravelines, and it was reported to the Council in 1585 that he had a brother at Douay College. Though so staunch a Catholic, he was a justice of the peace, and in a report to the Council, probably drawn up about the time of his death, but not sent till 1591, in which he is called Edward, a confusion with the name of his son and successor, it is said that "his children and famylie are very greatelie corrupted, and fewe or none of them come to the churche." His son Edward, born in 1585, who married Eliz., d. of Xfer. Preston, of Holker Hall, entertained James I at Myerscough Lodge in 1617, and died in 1618. The latter was the father of the famous knight, *sans peur et sans reproche*, Sir Thomas Tyldesley, the major-general in the royal army, and governor of Lichfield, who was slain at the battle of Wigan Lane in 1651. Sir Thomas's son Edward, in 1661, went over to Portugal in the suite of the ambassador to fetch Queen Catherine to England, and his son, by his first wife, Anne, d. of Sir Thos. Fleetwood, Bart., of Calwich, co. Stafford, baron of Newton, was succeeded by his eldest son Thomas Tyldesley, the Jacobite squire, whose diary for 1711-1713 was edited by the writer of these notes in 1871-2 and repub-

lished in 1873. The Diarist's aunt Anne Tyldesley was abbess of the English Augustinian convent at Paris. The Tyldesleys were all great royalists and Jacobites, always retained the faith, and practically came to an end as estate owners in the county upon the death of James Tyldesley in 1768. He had previously disposed of Morleys in 1755, and though Holcroft Hall descended to his son Thomas, it speedily passed into other hands, and the erstwhile great family of Tyldesley descended into a state of comparative poverty, and is lost in the crowd.

BROCKHOLES, Thomas, of *Claughton Hall*, in the parish of Garstang, in 1567 succeeded his father and namesake, whose wife was Doro., d. of Jno. Rigmayden, of New Hall. He was twice married, 1^o to Janet, d. of Edw. Bradyll, of Portfield, and 2^o to Doro. d. of Nic. Leyburne, of Cunswick. Both he and his wives appear annually on the recusant rolls, and his descendants and representatives have been staunch Catholics. He died at Heaton Hall, in the parish of Lancaster, an ancient possession of the family inherited from the Heatons, Mch. 28, 1618. The family became extinct in the male line upon the death of Fr. Charles Brockholes, S.J., in 1759. Claughton, Heaton, and other estates then passed successively to the sons of his sister, the wife of Wm. Hesketh, of Maynes Hall, in Little Singleton, who assumed the name of Brockholes, but none of them leaving issue, the property was devised by one of them to his wife's brother, William Fitzherbert, second son of Basil Fitzherbert, of Swynnerton Hall, co. Stafford, with injunctions to take the additional name of Brockholes, since which period various members of the Fitzherbert family have held the estates, the present possessor being Wm. Joseph Fitzherbert-Brockholes, of Claughton Hall, second son of Fris., son of Basil Fitzherbert, of Swynnerton.

KIRKBY, William, of *Upper Rawcliffe Hall* (later known as White Hall in distinction to Rawcliffe Hall the seat of the Butlers), in Upper Rawcliffe-with-Tarnacre, parish of St. Michael le Wyre, descended from a younger son of Sir Richard Kirkby, of Kirkby, mar. 1^o Isabel, d. of Jno. Butler, of Kirkland Hall, by Eliz., d. of Thos. Farington, of Farington, and 2^o Isabel, d. of William Normanville, of St. Mawes, near Tadcaster, co. York. He was a staunch Catholic, like all his ancestors and descendants. The family came to an end during the civil wars, when the three sons of Thos. Kirkby, by his wife Anne, d. of John Langtree, brother of Edw. Langtree, of Langtree Hall, lost their lives in the royal cause. The estate was then purchased by another Catholic family, the Westbys of Mowbreck, in whose hands it remained till within the last fifty years. White Hall is now a farm-house.

BUTLER, Henry, of *Lower Rawcliffe*, more correctly Out Rawcliffe, but latterly known as Rawcliffe Hall, whose ancestors had resided here for centuries, was like them true to the ancient faith, as were all his descendants. He mar. Anne, d. of Hen. Banastre,

of Bank Hall, and died in 1620. The Rawcliffe estates were confiscated and sold owing to the family's loyalty to the Stuarts in 1715, but Thurland Castle, inherited from the Girlingtones, passed to the infant d. & h. of Richard Butler, who died a prisoner in London in 1716, Cath. Butler, who mar. in 1729 Philip Markham, of Ollerton Hall, co. Notts, but died *s.p.* Rawcliffe Hall eventually passed into the possession of the France family of Little Eccleston Hall, the Protestant branch of the ancient Catholic family of France of Greaves-town in Ashton-on-Ribble.

SINGLETON, Thomas, of *Staining Hall*, in Hardhorn-with-Newton, in the parish of Poulton-in-le-Fylde, died Aug. 29, 1563, when the manors of Staining and Carleton passed to his brother John, who died Aug. 2, 1589. The latter was succeeded by another brother, George, who was buried at Poulton, May 9, 1598, when the estates devolved upon his eldest son Thomas, born in 1591. Lord Burghley's informant therefore should have put down either John or George Singleton as lord of Staining at the time when the map was drawn up. The family was descended from the Singletons of Singleton, and intermarried with the leading families of the county. It was always staunch to the faith, and suffered very greatly in consequence, as well as for its loyalty in the reign of Charles I. It came to an end in the male line upon the death of Thos. Singleton, June 9, 1679. Of his three sisters & coheiresses, Anne, the eldest, of Great Singleton and Crank Hall, died a spinster in 1719; Mary, the second, mar. Jno. Mayfield, and obtained Staining Hall, which ultimately was inherited by his representatives the Blackburnes; and Doro., the third, mar. Alexander Butler, younger son of Henry Butler, of Rawcliffe Hall, and received Todderstaff Hall and other property as her portion, and had an only d. & h. Eliz. Butler, wife of Robert Worswick, of Singleton. The latter had several sons who were either priests or died *s.p.* except the youngest, Thomas Worswick, the banker, who mar. Alice, d. of Robt. Gillow, of Lancaster, and had six sons, of whom two were priests and the rest died *s.p.*, save Alexander of Leighton Hall, upon the death of whose son Thomas, *s.p.*, the family became extinct in the male line. Todderstaff Hall is now a farm-house.

ALLEN, John, of *Rossall Grange*, in the township of Thornton, and parish of Poulton-le-Fylde, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, was marked out for special vengeance on account of his relationship to Cardinal Allen. His ancestors had held Rossall under a long lease from the Abbot of Deulacres for four generations. They were descended from the Allens of Buckenhall, co. Stafford, one of whom, John Allen, is said to have obtained the lease of Rossall in the reign of Henry VIII, from his cousin, William Allen, Abbot of Deulacres. The extensive estates of John Allen included Todderstaff Hall, which was acquired by the Singletons, and from them descended to the Worswicks. These were all escheated, and hence, though John Allen was dead, Rossall was put

down under his name on Lord Burghley's private map, though that of Thomas Allen, the Protestant claimant, appears on the original map in the Record Office. John Allen was the only son of George Allen, of Rossall, who died in 1579, by Eliz., d. of Wm. Westby, of Mowbreck Hall, and he was born in 1554. His uncle being the eminent Cardinal, William Allen, he and the rest of his family and connexions became objects of the bitterest persecution by the government of Queen Elizabeth, and to escape this he fled to the Continent, where he was able to practise his religion, and died unmarried at Pont-à-Mousson, June 24, 1585. His estates were then escheated on the plea of his having left the kingdom without licence, and the rents and profits were paid to Queen Elizabeth and her successor James I till 1612. The Queen is said to have assigned the lease of Rossall to Thomas Allen, whose name appears on the original vellum map, a London merchant, who claimed to be related to the family, but this claim was disputed by Edmund Fleetwood, whose father had purchased the reversion of the lease from Henry VIII. Fleetwood, with the assistance of the sheriff of the county, had wrongfully turned Mrs Allen out of Rossall Grange, and retained possession of it in spite of the claimant Thomas Allen, who died in Dec. 1591. Two of John Allen's sisters were Augustinian nuns at Louvain, and a third became the wife of Thomas Worthington, of Blainscough Hall, whose family should have inherited the Allen estates, but instead came in for extra persecution by the government. John Allen's aunt became the wife of George Gillow, of Bryning, and had issue a son John Allen Gillow. The modern town of Fleetwood is built upon the estate, but the actual site of the ancient Grange has been encroached upon by the sea. The building which succeeded it, erected by the Fleetwoods, and known as Rossall Hall, was sold after the death of the late Sir Peter Hesketh Fleetwood, Bart., and is now the well-known Church of England school.

SKILLICORNE, William, of *Prees Hall*, in Weeton, in the parish of Kirkham, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, son of Nicholas Skillicorne, lord of Prees, by Margt., d. of Wm. More, of Bank Hall, was a justice of the peace, and yet one of the so-called most "obstinate against religion" in the county, and was so accused to the Privy Council in Feb. 1575. Six years later he was reported as sheltering a priest named Richard Simpson, and in 1592 for having kept a recusant schoolmaster for many years. Both he and his wife, Jane, a dau. of Sir Richard Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, as well as all their family, were made to feel the full force of the penal laws. He died Oct. 21, 1601, and was succeeded by his son Nicholas, who mar. Margt., d. of Sir Thomas Hesketh, of Rufford Hall, and had amongst others a son William Skillicorne, who left two daughters and coheiresses by his wife Eliz., d. of Henry Preston, of Preston. About this time the estate was sold, and the family descended into a lower position. The family always remained staunch to the faith. Prees Hall was a venerable mansion,

containing a private chapel and many hiding-places, an absolute necessity when Catholic houses were liable to visits at any time from the pursuivants retained by the government. The chapel was burned down in 1732, and the hall was rebuilt by the father of the present proprietor, Thos. Horrocks Miller, Esq.

CLIFTON, Cuthbert, of *Westby Hall*, in the parish of Kirkham, son of Thos. Clifton, of the same, by his first wife Ellen, d. of Sir Alex. Osbaldeston, of Osbaldeston Hall, mar. Cath. d. of Sir Rich. Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, and died in 1596. The family were true to the faith, and throughout penal times their names may be found in the annual recusant rolls. Moreover in spite of persecution chapels were maintained by the family at their several seats, Westby Hall, Clifton Hall, Salwick Hall and Lytham Hall. In 1585 Cuthbert Clifton was reported as sheltering a priest named Robinson. His great-grandson, Sir Thos. Clifton, of Lytham, was created a baronet in 1662, but dying without issue male, the title expired, and the estates passed to his nephew and namesake, in whose descendant they are still vested. The family remained Catholic till about 1830, when the representative conformed, but since then several of them have returned to the faith, including the present Squire and the late Lord Donnington.

HOGHTON, Thomas, of *Lea Hall*, in the parish of Preston, and of Hoghton Tower, called by Lord Burghley the "fugitive," that is for his "Blessed Conscience," as related in the ballad under that title so popular in Lancashire, embarked on board a vessel on the Ribble nigh to his mansion at Lea in 1569, and died an exile at Liège, June 4, 1580. The estate was escheated, and thus remained in his name at this period. His next heir male was his brother, Alexander, who died in Aug. 1581, when the estates passed to their half-brother, a second Thomas Hoghton, who was slain at Lea Hall by Thomas Langton, of Walton, the baron of Newton, Nov. 21, 1589, and whose son Richard, an infant, was at once assigned as ward to Sir Gilbert Gerard, Master of the Rolls, to be brought up a Protestant. Thus the family were robbed of the faith which they had all supported in every possible way and for which they had sacrificed so much. Queen Elizabeth rewarded the neophyte with knighthood in 1597, and in 1611 Sir Richard was created a baronet by James I, who visited him at Hoghton Tower in 1617. Sir James de Hoghton is the present representative of the family, and resides at Hoghton Tower. *Vide* under Leyland Hundred.

HAYDOCK, William, of *Cottam Hall*, in the parish of Preston, was the eldest son of Evan (Vivian) Haydock, "the Fugitive," and his wife Ellen, d. of Wm. Westby, of Mowbreck Hall, by Eliz., d. of Jno. Rigmayden, of Wedacre Hall. His aunt, Eliz. Westby, was the widow of George Allen, of Rossall, brother to the Cardinal, and hence, being termed of "Allen's kindred," the Haydocks were specially marked out for persecution. Wm. Haydock married Bridget,

only child of Sir Richard Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, by his third wife Eliz., d. of John Gregson, or Normanton, of Yorkshire, who returned a pedigree at the Visitation of that county in 1563, showing that his ancestor, George Normanton of Normanton, had assumed the name of Gregson instead of his ancient patronymic. Lady Hoghton's brother, Thomas Gregson, married Anne, d. of Sir John Nevill, of Chevet, and relict of Thos. Drage, of Woodhall, co. York. From 1577 downwards, William Haydock and his wife were constantly reported to the Council as obstinate recusants, and their house was subject to the raids of pursuivants, as it was known as a shelter for priests, and a place where Mass was regularly said. His father, Vivian Haydock, "the Fugitive," had gone to Douay with his two sons, Richard and George, in 1573, some twenty years after the death of his wife, and there had been ordained priest, and returned to England to act as agent for the college and to labour on the mission. He was hunted about from place to place till his death, which is supposed to have taken place at Cottam Hall about 1584. The second son, Richard, became an eminent doctor of divinity, and died in 1605. The youngest son, George, was ordained priest in 1581, and was martyred at Tyburn in 1584. And, finally, the only daughter, Aloysia, suffered a cruel imprisonment for her faith in Salford jail in 1584, and died in consequence of her ill-treatment. William Haydock was restrained within a radius of five miles from Cottam Hall. He lived to a great age, and was still paying his fines for recusancy in 1625-6. He returned a pedigree at the Visitation of 1613, and in a witty letter to the herald, Richard St George, revealed his keen sporting instincts. The family is now extinct in the male line, but many portraits and other mementoes remain to testify to its former greatness and religious character.

BARTON, Thomas, of *Barton Row*, or Barton Hall, in the chapelry of Barton and parish of Preston, son of Richard Barton, lord of Barton, by Anne, d. of Sir Thos. Southworth, of Samlesbury Hall, succeeded his father in 1569, and mar. Anne, d. of John Fleetwood, of Penwortham Hall. The Bartons were all recusants, and ended with an heiress, Thomas Barton's granddaughter, fleetwood Barton, whose child-marriage to Sir Richard Molyneux, of Sefton, Bart., subsequently created Viscount Molyneux, was dissolved by consent, after which she was mar. to Richard Shuttleworth, of Gawthorp Hall, sometime M.P. for Preston, who bore the *sobriquet* of "Old Smoot," had a very bad character, and died in 1669 at the age of 82. When James I was making his royal progress in 1617, Old Smoot burnt his house down to escape the expense of having to entertain His Majesty. His descendant, James Shuttleworth, sold the estate in 1833 to Geo. Jacson, and after the death of his son, Chas. Roger Jacson, it again passed by sale into other hands. The old hall is now a farm-house, and the manorial residence is known as Barton Lodge.

SINGLETON, John, of *Singleton Tower*, is evidently an error for

Thomas Singleton, of Broughton Tower, in the parochial chapelry of Broughton and parish of Preston, who was living there in 1600. He was son of Edward Singleton, of the Tower, who died in 1567. Thomas was one of the recusants ordered within fourteen days from Aug. 7, 1584, to furnish a light horseman, with accoutrements for the Queen's service, or pay a fine of £24. He sheltered priests, and Mass was said in his private domestic chapel. Indeed, several members of the family became priests. In 1607 his son and successor, Edward Singleton, of Broughton Tower, suffered a grant to Sir Rich. Coningsby of the benefit of his recusancy; and on Mch. 21, 1608, a similar grant of two parts of his lands and tenements was given by the crown to Chas. Chambers, King James's favourite way of appeasing his hungry followers at the expense of Catholics. By such penalties and methods of persecution the family was brought to ruin, and had to dispose of their estate to Roger Langton about 1616, and from his descendants it passed to the Rawstornes of Penwortham Priory, who sold Broughton Tower about 1810. It is now a farm-house.

WHITTINGHAM, Thomas, of *Whittingham Hall*, in the chapelry of Goosnargh and parish of Kirkham, married Bridget, d. & coh. of Evan Browne, of Ribbleton Hall, by Eliz., d. of Jno. Singleton, of Singleton (commonly called Shingle) Hall, in Whittingham. His widow was a recusant in 1605-6. Two of his grandsons, Adam *alias* Paul Whittingham and Wm. Whittingham were Jesuits, and the family ever preserved its faith. It ended in the male line upon the death of Richard Whittingham, who sold the estate Dec. 28, 1779, and died *s. p.* soon afterwards. The family is now represented in the female line by the Silvertops of Minsteracres, co. Durham. Whittingham Hall is now a farm-house.

SHERBURNE, John, of *Ribbleton Hall*, in the parish of Preston, second son of Thos. Sherburne, of Stonyhurst, by Jane, d. of Sir Jno. Towneley, of Towneley Hall, mar. about 1558 Kath. d. & eventual coh. of Evan Browne, of Ribbleton Hall, who brought him two-thirds of the manor of Ribbleton, and in 1559 and again in 1579 he purchased the remaining two-sixths. His widow married secondly her third cousin Wm. Elston, of Elston Hall. His grandson and namesake died in 1655, and was a noted "papist," like all the rest of the family. In the following year the estate was sold to Rich. Kynge, and the Sherburnes migrated to Lincolnshire and London. One of them, Richard Sherburne, left the English College at Rome in 1712, being unable to continue his studies for the priesthood owing to a disease of the eyes. Ribbleton Hall was an interesting old mansion. From Rich. Kynge's descendants the estate was purchased by Thos. Birchall, whose son the late Col. Birchall built a new hall.

SINGLETON, Robert, of *Brockholes Hall*, in the township of Grimsargh with Brockholes, and ancient parish of Preston and modern parish of Grimsargh, the Hall alone being denoted on the

map, was son of Wm. Singleton, lord of the manor of Brockholes, whose ancestor, Thomas Singleton, derived from the Singletons of Singleton and Broughton Tower, acquired Brockholes through his marriage with one of the two daughters and cohers. of Nicholas de Brockholes, who in 1396 and 1400 settled the manor upon her and another estate upon his elder d. Margt., wife of Roger de Ethelston, of Elston & Ribbleton. Robert Singleton and his wife Anne, with other members of the family, were recusants in 1591 and subsequent years, as were all the various families of Singleton, many of whom devoted their lives to the service of the Church as Jesuits, Benedictines, Franciscans, and secular priests. He returned a pedigree at the Visitation of 1613, and administration to his estate was granted in 1627. Shortly after this date the estate became the property of the Winckleys of Preston, and descended to Frances, d. & h. of Thos. Winckley, of Brockholes and Catterall, who mar. in 1807 Sir John Shelley, Bart., of Maresfield Park and Michelgrove, co. Sussex, when the manor of Brockholes passed to that family.

Blackburn Hundred

BRADLEY, Thomas, of *Bradley Hall*, in Thornley-cum-Wheatley, parish of Chipping, who mar. Grace, d. of Hugh Sherburne, of Stonyhurst, is probably an error for his son John Bradley, of Bradley in Lancashire and Beetham in Westmorland, who mar. Anne, d. of Robt. Braithwaite, of Ambleside, co. Westm., and whose *Inq. post mortem* is dated 1599. Both father and son were justices of the peace for the county, but were probably temporizers in religion, and various members of the family appear on the recusant rolls. At the Visitation of Lancashire in 1567 John returned three daughters & coheiresses, Ellen, Eliz., and Jane, who mar. respectively Jno. Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston, Thos. Talbot of Bashall, and Wm. Leyburne of Cunswick. The Bradley pedigree also figures in the 1615 Visit. of Westmorland. But the Lancashire estate probably descended to one of John's brothers, Hugh or Thomas, and in 1634 Richard Bradley, a recusant, was residing at Bradley Hall with his wife Elizabeth. Hugh Bradley died there in 1665, and in the following year the estate was sold to the Earl of Derby, whose representative holds it to-day.

SHERBURNE, Sir Richard, of *Stonyhurst*, in the parish of Mitton, though a justice of the peace and an ecclesiastical commissioner was undoubtedly a temporizer, for, as appears in a report to the privy council in 1591, "his wief, children, and famylie, for the most parte, seldome come to churche, and never communycate, and some of his daughters married and not knowne by whom, but suspected by masse priests; an intelligenc^e to the Papists of Lancas^r, as appereth by a le. latelie deliv^d ov^r to th^r Lls." He mar. Matilda, d. of Sir Rich. Bold, of Bold Hall, and dying June 26, 1594, was succeeded by his son Richard, who mar. 1^o Cath., d. of Chas., Lord Stourton, and granddau. of Hen., Earl of Derby, and 2^o Anne, d. of Hen. Keighley, of Keighley, co. York, and Inskip Hall, co. Lanc., reli^ct of

Thos. Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower. The latter's grandson, Rich. Sherburne, bapt. 3 July, 1626, and ob. 16 Aug., 1689, had a narrow escape from being made one of the victims of the Oates or so-called Popish Plot. This plot, if not inaugurated, was worked for all it was worth by Anthony Cooper, first Earl of Shaftesbury, with the object of keeping the Catholic Duke of York out of the succession to the Throne. Under his leadership the Green Ribbon Club, founded in 1675, schemed and worked so-called Popish Plots throughout the country, Oates and other perjured informers being members of the club. One of these, Robert Bolron, an unfaithful and discharged steward to Sir Thos. Gascoigne, of Barnbow Hall, was sent down fortified with an order of the Council, dated October 17, 1679, to search the houses of Catholics in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Durham and Northumberland, and to manufacture plots, amongst which was the "Papists Bloody Oath of Secrecy and Litany of Intercession for the carrying on of this Present Plot," printed by order of the House of Commons in 1680. To this he added "A Farther Information" about his "searching the Mansion-House of Richard Sherborn, of Stony-hurst," and finding in the chamber of the chaplain, "Edward Cottam, a Jesuit, or Popish Priest," a certain paper which he printed as evidence of "A Damnable Plot." As a matter of fact the document, which was dated Feb. 25, 1675, was simply connected with the reconstitution of what was later known as the "Lancashire Infirm Clergy Fund," signed by 24 priests, and recording the names of the elected treasurers, secretary, and collectors in the six hundreds of the county. The priests were of course all seculars, and not Jesuits, as declared by the impostor. The chaplain, John (not Edward) Cottam, took up his position upon the death of Henry Longe, one of the officials of the fund, who was neither drowned nor "made away by the Romish Party" lest he should "Discover this Damnable Popish Plot," but died of consumption, Mch. 4, 1676-7, aged 39. Lancashire was not so susceptible to the machinations of the Green Ribbon Club as many other parts of the country, and hence this particular "Plot" was discredited and failed in its intent. The family ended with Sir Nicholas Sherburne, who was created a baronet in 1685, and died Dec. 16, 1717. His only d. & h. mar. the Duke of Norfolk, but dying without issue, the estates passed to the Welds of Lulworth Castle, co. Dorset, through the marriage of Sir Nic. Sherburne's sister to William, s. & h. of Sir Jno. Weld. The Sherburnes were always Catholic, and kept a secular priest as chaplain and missionary for the district. Eventually after having been offered to and declined by the Vicars Apostolic for the establishment of a college to receive the Douay refugees, Stonyhurst was presented by Cardinal Weld to the Society, and thus the ancient mansion of the Sherburnes became the celebrated Jesuit College.

LANGTON, Sir Thomas, baron of Newton-in-Makerfield, of *Walton Hall*, in the township and parochial chapelry of Walton-le-dale and parish of Blackburn, against whose name Lord Burghley

has placed a +, was born in 1561, and was the son of Leonard Langton and his wife Anne, d. of Thos. Leyburne, of Cunswick, co. Westm., and relict of Wm. Singleton, of Bank Hall. He succeeded his grandfather Sir Thomas Langton, baron of Newton and lord of Walton, who died in 1569 aged 72, having been twice married, 1^o to Eliz., d. of Sir Edw. Stanley, Lord Monteagle, who was the mother of Leonard, and 2^o to Anne, d. of Thos. Talbot. The young baron of Newton, who was often called baron of Walton, had the misfortune in 1589 to slay Thomas Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, the half-brother of Thomas Hoghton "the fugitive," in an affray at The Lea, where the baron himself was sore wounded. The dispute was over some cattle claimed by the widow of John Singleton, of Staining Hall. The baron was apprehended lying in bed at Broughton Tower, the seat of his relatives the Singletons, and he with Mrs Singleton and others were committed to safe custody. In consequence of this affair Sir Thomas Langton is supposed to have been compelled by the Queen, acting under Lord Burghley's sinister counsel, to cede his manor of Walton to the infant son of Thomas Hoghton, who was put under guardianship to be brought up a Protestant. The baron was betrothed in childhood to Margt., d. of Rich. Sherburne, of Stonyhurst, but the marriage was dissolved in 1580, and at the age of 19 he married Eliz., d. of Sir Jno. Savage, of Rock Savage, by the Lady Eliz. Manners, d. of Thos., first Earl of Rutland, but had no issue. At the coronation of James I, in 1603, he was created a knight of the Bath. He died in the city of Westminster, Feb. 20, 1604, aged 44, "y^e last of his name," and was buried near the high altar in St Peter's Church adjoining Westminster Abbey. Though he had temporized more or less, he died a devout Catholic. In 1592 he was reported to the Council by a spy as having been reconciled to the Church by a priest named "Griesley." "He was reconciled in London about Mydsomer before Babbington and the rest were apprehended [1586]. And the priest was with him the same sommer in Lancashire at his owne house, as the priest he him selfe told me."

SOUTHWORTH, Sir John, of *Samlesbury Hall*, in the parish of Blackburn, son of Sir Thos. Southworth, sheriff of the county in 1541, by Margery, d. of Sir Thos. Boteler, of Bewsey, baron of Warrington, mar. July 23, 1547, Mary, d. of Sir Rich. Assheton, of Middleton Hall, and his descendants suffered death, imprisonment and fine for their religion till worn out they disposed of the manor of Samlesbury in 1679. Sir John was sheriff in 1562. In 1568 he was arrested and imprisoned in Chester Castle, and articles were preferred against him by the ecclesiastical commissioners for not repairing to church, declining to receive the new sacrament, or otherwise to take wine with the parson as the Lancashire gentry contemptuously called it, and for speaking against the Book of Common Prayer. He was further charged with having received priests at his house. As a matter of fact Samlesbury Hall was never without its priest in attendance at the altar so long as the Southworths held it.

How long and in what prisons Sir John was confined does not appear, but from 1581 to 1584 he was in the gaol at Salford, and was often reported for his unflinching defence of his faith. In 1582 Sir Edm. Trafford and Robt. Worsley advised the Council that there was no "likelyhoode of conformytie" in Sir John Southworth or his fellow prisoners for religion in Salford gaol. Meanwhile his estate suffered every exaction that was possible, and the amount of his fines must have been appalling. He died Nov. 3, 1595. His eldest son Thomas succeeded to the estate, and was equally staunch in his religion. Another son, Christopher, ordained priest at Rome in 1583, suffered imprisonment at Wisbeach Castle in 1595; and later, another priest of the family, John Southworth, was martyred at Tyburn in 1654.

OSBALDESTON, Edward, of *Osbaldeston Hall*, in the parish of Blackburn, was the son of John Osbaldeston and his wife Margt., d. of Geo. Stanley, Lord Strange, eldest son of the first Earl of Derby,—and grandson of Sir Alex. Osbaldeston, whose wife was Anne, d. of Sir Rich. Southworth, of Samlesbury Hall. In 1548 Edward Osbaldeston mar. Maude, d. of Sir Thos. Halsall, of Halsall, and about 1575 succeeded to his father's estate. He died Sept. 7, 1590, and his widow in 1592. He was one of those most "obstinate" recusants in the county who were selected for arrest and imprisonment in Chester Castle in 1568, and amongst other counts was charged with harbouring priests. He was much persecuted throughout his life, as indeed were all his descendants, who suffered fine, imprisonment, and even death in defence of the faith of their forefathers. His nephew, Edward Osbaldeston, was ordained priest at Rheims in 1585, and was martyred at York in 1594. There were other members of the family who devoted their lives to religion, amongst whom may be noted Fr. Francis Osbaldeston, O.S.F., third son of Sir Edward Osbaldeston, grandson of the above Edward, who died in 1636, aged 63. Fr. Francis suffered imprisonment whilst serving the mission in England, but died at Douay in 1685 or 1686. Thus harassed and reduced in circumstances by fines and penalties, the estate became encumbered and suffered foreclosure after the death of Alexander Osbaldeston in 1747. The private chapel in the hall was usually served by a priest during the days of persecution, and the mission is now represented by an independent chapel situated in Osbaldeston but some distance from the ancient mansion, which is now a farm-house.

TALBOT, John, of *Salesbury Hall*, in the parish of Blackburn, descended from the Talbots of Bashall, a junior branch of the house of Shrewsbury, was the son of John Talbot by his 1^o wife Anne, d. of Hugh Sherburne, of Stonyhurst, and was one of the most "obstinate" upholders of the old faith in the county. Upon his father's death, Aug. 30, 1551, he succeeded to the estate. He mar. 1^o Alice, d. of Sir Alex. Osbaldeston, of Osbaldeston Hall, who died *s.p.* in 1533, and 2^o Mary, d. of . . . More, of Sheffield, co.

York. In 1568 he was one of the band of Lancashire squires who were arrested and imprisoned in Chester Castle on account of their obstinate refusal to bend to the times and adopt the new religion imposed upon the country by the government. Like many other gentlemen before Dr Allen's visit to Lancashire, he occasionally "took wine with the parson," that is "the Communion in such sort as by lawes he is lykwyse appointed." He also acknowledged that he had entertained certain priests at his house, and amongst them "William Allen hath divers tymes beene in his house, whom he toke to be no suche person as is in the said article conteyned nor thought it any offence in law to lodge and kepe company with hym, beinge his kinsman in the third degree." From Chester Castle he was transferred to the Fleet prison in Manchester, and there he was in 1582, but this was probably a second arrest. In 1581 Fr. Edmund Campion, the martyr, is said to have divulged under torture on the rack the names of certain Lancashire gentry who had entertained him, and that of John Talbot of Salesbury appears amongst them. In the same year Richard Simpson, the Lancashire priest and martyr, was reported to have sojourned at Talbot's house, and in consequence Salesbury Hall was raided by pursuivants. At length, worn out with persecution, he died, Sept. 1, 1588, a few days after he heard the news of the martyrdom of his good friend Richard Simpson at Derby. He was succeeded by his grandson and heir, Sir John Talbot, who was a great royalist, and suffered much in the cause. Salesbury Hall was occupied and pillaged, and his estate was sequestrated. This line of the Talbot family terminated in an heiress, Doro., d. of John, son of Sir John Talbot, who married in 1677 Edw. Warren, of Poynton, co. Chester, and Salesbury was sold by his descendant Lord de Tabley, in 1866, to Henry Ward, of Blackburn, and by him to the Duke of Somerset.

FFARINGTON, William, of *Haudley Hall*, now known as Audley, originally the mansion of the rectory of Blackburn, was the fourth son of Sir Henry ffarington, of Farington Hall, by his second wife Doro., d. of Sir Humphrey Okeover, of Okeover Hall, co. Stafford. He succeeded to Worden Hall on the death of his father, and repurchased the manor of Leyland from the Huddlestons, who had inherited it through marriage with an heiress of Wm. ffarington. He mar. Anne, d. of Sir Thos. Talbot, of Bashall Hall, who received as her portion the lease of Haudley, where he resided alternately with Worden, which he rebuilt. He had been placed by Edward, Earl of Derby, in the commission of the peace as soon as he had attained his majority, and he was also a deputy lieutenant. He made his will in 1609, and died at Worden, July 3, 1610, aged 73, being succeeded by his eldest son Thomas, whose descendants still reside at Worden. His outward actions were certainly not those of a Catholic, and yet his wife and family would appear to have been so disposed, as will be seen under Worden in Leyland Hundred. Lord Burghley seems to have had reason to suspect him in 1590, and probably thought some pressure would prevent him from relapsing.

CATTERALL, Thomas, of *Little Mitton Hall*, in the parish of Whalley, and of Catterall Hall, in the parish of Garstang, was son of John Catterall, of Catterall and Little Mitton, by Cath., d. of Jno. Langley, of Agecroft Hall. He was a staunch recusant and refused to change with the times. He mar. Margt., d. of Nic. Tempest, of Bashall, co. York, (executed at Tyburn, May 25, 1537, for joining the "Pilgrimage of Grace"), and died Jan. 28, 1579, but as he only left drs. and cohers., his estate would probably remain in his name. His drs. were—1^o Anne, wife of Hen. Towneley, of Barnside, 2^o Eliz., wife of Thos. Proctor, of Bulsnape Manor in Goosnargh *jure uxoris*, the benefit of whose recusancy was granted to Sir Ric. Coningsby in 1607, 3^o Cath., wife of Thom. Strickland, of Sizergh, 4^o Margt., 1st, wife of Sir Jno. Atherton, of Atherton, who died 1573, and 2nd, of Wm. Edwards, 5^o Doro. wife of Robt. Sherburne, of Gray's Inn, 3rd son of Thos. Sherburne, of Stonyhurst, 6^o Mary, wife of John Grimshaw, of Clayton Hall, in Clayton-le-Moors, in the parochial chapelry of Altham and parish of Whalley, who died in 1586, and whose representatives, the Trappes-Lomax family, are now seated at Clayton Hall, and 7^o Jane, who *o.s.p.* The wife of Robert Sherburne had the manor of Catterall settled upon her in 1560, and after her husband's death about 1572, she married secondly Rich. Braddyll, a barrister, and thirdly John Whipp, and lived till about 1621. The omission of Grimshaw from the map is probably due to the fact of the son and heir, Nicholas, being a minor at this date. He was a recusant, like the rest of his family, and his grandson and namesake was a priest. The latter's niece Mary Ann, d. & event. h. of Jno. Grimshaw, mar. John Heywood, of Urmston, whose d. & h., Rebecca, married Rich. Lomax, of Pilsworth, and carried Clayton Hall to that family, which ended in coheiresses, one of whom mar. Thos. Byrmand Trappes, representative of the Nidd Hall family, and grandson of a previous Lomax intermarriage, who assumed the name of Trappes-Lomax.

BRADDYLL, JOHN, of *Portfield Hall*, in the township and parish of Whalley, died Nov. 1578. Though he was joint grantee of Whalley Abbey from the Crown, and was a large trafficker in Abbey lands, his family very generally appear to have been brought up Catholics. His name has most probably been confused with that of his son, Edward Braddyll, who was clerk of the county, and surveyor of the woods beyond Trent belonging to the Duchy of Lancaster, and yet in 1590 was reported by the Bishop of Chester in regard to his disposition towards the new religion to be "as badde as any." He died in October, 1607, leaving by his second wife, Anne, d. of Ralph Assheton, of Lever Hall, whom he had married Aug. 6, 1554, besides a son Edward, who was ordained priest at Rheims in 1587, a son and successor John, whose wife, Eliz., came of a very pronounced Catholic family, being the dau. of Thos. Brockholes, of Cloughton Hall. Edward's brother, Richard, was the barrister who married the d. & coh. of Thos. Catterall, of the preceding note, and though a justice of the peace, vice-chancellor, and deputy to the Queen's

attorney for the county, received a like character from the Bishop of Chester. In the following year it was reported that "his children and famylie are very greatelie corrupted and fewe or none of them come to the church." His children are not mentioned in the pedigrees returned to the heralds.

HOGHTON, ALEXANDER, of *Pendleton Hall*, in the parish of Whalley, son of John Hoghton, of the same, by Cath., d. of Ralph Catterall, of Catterall and Little Mitton, and relict of Henry Shuttleworth, of Hacking Hall, mar. Maud, d. of John Aspinall, of Standen Hall, in Pendleton. He was a recusant like all the Hoghtons of this period.

NOWELL, Roger, of *Read Hall*, in the parish of Whalley, s. of Roger Nowell, by Grace, d. of Sir Rich. Sherburne, of Stonyhurst, succeeded his father in 1567. Though not a recusant, he was probably a temporizer, as most of his relatives were Catholics. He mar. Jan. 25, 1551, Florence, d. of Reginald Atkinson, of Skipton, co. York, and relict of Lau. Starkie, of Huntroyde Hall, sheriff of the county, and died May 19, 1591.

GREENACRES, Richard, of *Worston Hall*, in the parish of Whalley, mar. 1^o Jane, d. of Robt. Sherburne, by Doro, d. & coh. of Thos. Catterall, of Catterall and Little Mitton, and 2^o Christiana, d. of Leonard Babthorpe, younger brother of Sir Wm. Babthorpe, of Babthorpe, co. Ebor, an eminently Catholic family. He died in 1618, and was succeeded by his son, John, upon whose death *s.p.* in 1622, his sister Frances, wife of Nic. Assheton, of Downham Hall, became sole heiress to the estate

TOWNELEY, John, of *Towneley Hall*, in Habergham Eaves, in the parochial chapelry of Burnley and parish of Whalley, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, for he was a most "obstinate" recusant, though he admitted before the ecclesiastical commissioners in 1568 that he had put in some formal appearances at the newly established service in conformity with the law. He also acknowledged on that occasion that he had entertained and relieved priests. In consequence he passed the greater part of his career in prison. Inscribed under a curious portrait of himself, his lady and his children, is an account of his sufferings for professing the "Apostolicall Catholick Roman Faith." About 1564-5 he was imprisoned at Chester Castle, thence sent to the Marshalsea, subsequently to York Castle, the Block Houses in Hull, the Gatehouse in Westminster, the gaol in Salford or the Fleet in Manchester, Broughton in Oxon, twice to Ely in Cambridgeshire, and finally, when 73 years of age and blind, bound over to appear when called upon and permitted to live at Towneley so long as he kept within five miles of his house. Moreover, he records in the inscription that up to that date, 1601, he had paid into the exchequer, since the passing of the Act of 23 Eliz. 1581, in the £20 monthly fines for

declining "to take wine with the parson," as the new form of the Protestant sacrament was termed by the Lancashire gentry, about £5,000, and was still paying the fines. He mar. Mary, d. & h. of Sir Richard Towneley, by Frces., d. of Xfer. Wymbish, of Nocton, co. Lincoln, & coh. to her brother, Thomas Wymbish, and had seven sons and one daughter. He died in 1607, and was buried at Burnley on Mch. 4, aged 79. His descendants retained the faith, and suffered much for that and their loyalty, till the extinction of the family in the male line some few years ago; but though the greatest commoners in the county, owing to their staunch adherence to the creed of their forefathers ever since Christianity was planted in this country, the family never received any preferment from the crown, and held no higher rank than their ancestors in the days of the persecuting Queen Elizabeth. Towneley has recently been sold to the Corporation of Burnley as a public hall and park.

HOLDEN, Robert, of *Sunnyfield*, or otherwise Holden Hall, in the chapelry of Haslingden and parish of Whalley, was the son of Ralph Holden, of Holden Hall, by his 2nd wife, Eliz., d. of Rich. Elston, of Elston Hall, and relict of James Anderton, of Clayton Hall. He mar. Alice, d. of Nic. Banastre, of Altham, was living at the time of the Visitation of 1613, and was succeeded by his son Ralph, who mar. in 1628, Mary, d. of William Chorley, of Chorley Hall. The son was still on the recusant rolls in 1635-6.

ASSHETON, James, of *Shuttleworth Hall*, in the chapelry of Padiham and parish of Whalley, a justice of the peace, and sheriff of the county in 1591, was the eldest s. & h. of Edmund Assheton, of Chadderton Hall in the chapelry of Oldham, who died in 1584. He married Doro., eld. d. & coh. of Sir Robt. Langley, of Agecroft Hall, and died *s.p.* at Chadderton in 1612, owing to which fact no pedigree was entered in the Visitation of 1613. The family was descended from Edmund, second son of Sir Thos. Assheton, or Ashton, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who mar. Joan, d. & coh. of Rich. Radclyffe, whose family represented the Chaddertons of Chadderton. Edmund's son John mar. Letitia, d. & coh. of Wm. Talbot, of Shuttleworth Hall, who had acquired that estate by marriage with Alice, d. & h. of Thos. Legh, son of John de Legh & his wife Isabel, heiress of the Shuttleworths, and hence Shuttleworth Hall became one of the residences of the Asshetons. The latter returned pedigrees in 1567 and 1664. Shuttleworth seems to have been parted with at an earlier period, and was purchased by the Starkies of Huntroyd, but Chadderton remained in the family till about 1690, and this line of the family ended in the male line upon the death of Wm. Ashton, Feb. 25, 1731, aged 82.

RISHTON, William, of *Pontalgh* (now called Rixonhalgh) Hall, in Oswaldtwistle, in the chapelry of Church and parish of Whalley, was second son and heir of Roger Rishton, of Pontalgh, by his first wife Anne, d. of Giles Livesey, of Livesey Hall. The family derived

from the Rishtons of Rishton in the parish of Blackburn. He mar. Eleanor, d. of Thos. Charnock, of Charnock and Astley, and had several sons and daughters. He re-entailed his estates Jan. 11, and died June 25, 1589. His eldest son Ralph mar. Doro., d. of George Talbot, of Carr Hall, and was father of Edward, who was ordained priest at Rome, in 1641, under the *alias* of Anderton, his elder brother William having married Doro., d. of Wm. Anderton, of Euxton Hall. The family appeared annually in the recusant rolls, till the last quarter of the 17th century, and ended in an heiress, who carried the estate in marriage to Thos. Braddyll, of Portfield, in the 18th century.

BANASTRE, Nicholas, of *Altham Hall*, in the chapelry of Altham and parish of Whalley, whose ancestor acquired Altham (or Alvetham) through his marriage with the heiress of John de Alvetham, if not actually a recusant was a temporizer, and was subsequently a justice of the peace. All his alliances were Catholic. He mar. 1^o Eliz., d. & h. of Rich. Elston, of Elston, and relict of Jno. Anderton, of Clayton, and of Ralph Holden, of Holden, by whom he had two sons and two daughters. After his wife's death in Dec., 1611, he mar. 2^o Cath., d. of Edmund Assheton of Chadderton, but died immediately afterwards and was buried at Altham, Aug. 27, 1612. His son & successor Nathaniel Banastre was a recusant. The family ended in two heiresses, sisters of Nic. Banastre, the last male heir, who died July 19, 1694. The elder inherited the estate & mar. Ambrose Walton, of Marsden, in 1692, and his grandson Banastre Walton, dying *s.p.*, bequeathed the estate to his cousin, the Rev. Rich. Wroe.

WALMESLEY, Sir Thomas, of *Dunkenhalgh*, in the chapelry of Altham and parish of Whalley, the hall alone being denoted on the map probably owing to the fact of its having but recently changed hands. Dunkenhalgh had for generations been the principal seat of the Rishtons, lords of the neighbouring manor of Rishton. The family were recusants. There is a curious story told of John Rishton, of Dunkenhalgh and Rishton Hall, born about 1532; which is difficult to reconcile with the published pedigrees. It is said that in his childhood he was informally married to a dau. of Sir James Stanley, of Cross Hall, bro. to the Earl of Derby, under the following circumstances. His distant kinsman, Capt. Ralph Rishton, of Pontalgh, a man of worthless character, having formed an improper connexion with this young lady, her widowed mother, Dame Anne Stanley, carried her dau. by night to Great Harwood church, she being then three months gone with child, and forced her to go through the ceremony of marriage with John Rishton. A divorce terminated this involuntary alliance, and Rishton was then married in 1542 to Doro. d. of Sir Jno. Southworth, of Samlesbury Hall. There is probably some confusion in the tradition. John Rishton is said to have had several sons, including one who has left a lasting record in history. This was Edward Rishton, born 1550, who graduated from

Brazenose, Oxford, in 1572, subsequently went over to France, took degrees at the university of Douai, and after studying at the English College there and at Rheims, as well as at Rome, was ordained priest at Cambrai in 1577, and came upon the English mission. In 1581 he was apprehended and condemned to death solely for being a priest under the Act 27 Eliz., but was reprieved and immured in the Tower till Jan. 21, 1584-5, when he was banished the realm, and died of the plague near Sainte-Ménéhould, June 30, 1585. He was the original editor of the celebrated work by Dr Nicholas Sander, *De Origine ac Progressu Schismatis Anglicani*, which passed through so many editions, and was translated into the leading European languages. Whitaker (*Hist. of Whalley*) says that it was John Rishton who sold Dunkenhalgh and the Rishton estate to Sir Thomas Walmesley, who in 1589 became one of her majesty's justices of the common pleas. Abram (*Hist. of Blackburn*) says that it was his eldest son Nicholas who sold the estates some time before 1582, and that he retired to a small estate in Oswaldtwistle, where he died about 1596. Now it appears that the Nicholas Rishton who died at Oswaldtwistle on Nov. 24 in the latter year was the son of Ralph Rishton, whose widow Alice died Nov. 4, 1597, & that Nicholas' s. & h. Wm. was aged 14 in 1597. This family can be traced in the recusant rolls as resident in Oswaldtwistle for long after this. Ralph Rishton was a recusant there in 1627, and Ralph and his wife with their son Ralph and daughters Susanna, Jenetta, and Elizabeth, in 1667, and so on till the discontinuance of the rolls. Sir Thos. Walmesley, the purchaser of the Rishton estates, was the eld. s. of Thos. Walmesley, of Showley Hall, in Clayton, and his w. Margt., d. of Thos. Livesey, of Sidebight in Rishton. Sir Thomas's biography is well known. Though he must have temporized to a considerable extent, otherwise he could not have been one of Queen Elizabeth's judges, he evinced extraordinary independence for that arbitrary period. In 1583 he made before the court of common pleas a stout but ineffectual attempt to sustain the validity of papal dispensations and other faculties issued during the reign of Queen Mary. His vigour gained him respect, and he does not seem to have been seriously molested, and after Elizabeth's death he was knighted by James I in 1603. His wife was a staunch recusant, Anne, d. & sole h. of Robt. Shuttleworth, of Hacking Hall, and he himself died a Catholic, Nov. 26, 1612. His only son & namesake, brought up in the religion of his forefathers, was twice mar., 1^o to Eleanor Danvers, d. of the Earl of Danby, and 2^o to Mary, d. of Sir Rich. Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, by both of whom he had a family. His eld. s. Sir Thos. Walmesley mar. Juliana, d. of Sir Rich. Molyneux, of Sefton, Bart., and sister of Richard, first Viscount Molyneux of Maryborough. The family always remained true to the faith, and ended in an heiress, Cath., d. of Barthol. Walmesley and his w. Doro., d. & coh. of Jno. Smith, by Doro, d. of Nic. Weston, Earl of Portland. She was born in 1697 and mar. 1^o in 1711 Robt., 7th Lord Petre of Writtle, who died in 1713, and 2^o in 1733 Charles, 14th Lord Stourton, who *ob. s. p.* in 1753. Lady Stourton died in 1785, and her son Robt. Jas., 8th Lord Petre, born

1713, mar. 1732 Anna Maria Barbara Radclyffe, only d. of Jas., 3rd Earl of Derwentwater, and sole h. to her brother John. Dunkenhalgh ultimately was settled upon Wm. Hen. Petre, nephew of the 10th Lord Petre, whose grandson, G. E. A. H. Petre, son of Sir Geo. Glynn Petre, is at present in possession of the estate.

HESKETH, Sir Thomas, of *Martholme Hall*, parochial chapelry of Great Harwood and parish of Blackburn, lord of Hesketh, Rufford, Great Harwood, Holmes Wood, &c., and against whose name under Leyland Lord Burghley has placed a +, was son of Sir Robert Hesketh, by Grace, d. of Sir Jno. Towneley, of Towneley. He succeeded his father in 1539, and was knighted the day after the coronation of Q. Mary, Oct. 2, 1553. In Sept. 1557 he assisted in raising 100 men to serve the Queen in the Scotch wars, and volunteered to become their captain. In 1562-3 he was sheriff of the county. He was a staunch Catholic, and in consequence was imprisoned in 1581. By his wife Alice, d. of Sir John Holcroft, of Holcroft Hall, he had three sons and three daughters. He died at Martholme June 20, 1588, and was buried at Great Harwood. It is recorded that he "served his sovraigne in Scotland at the Siege of Leethe [Leith], and theare was sore hurte in divers places, and had his ensigne strooken downe, which he recovered againe, with great commendacions for his forwardnes and good service, and was in his latter dayes a noteable good house-keeper, and benefactor to all men singuler in eny science, and greatlie repaired [in 1561] the houses at Martholme and Holmes Wood, and the Chappell at Rufford." All his children were recusants, and suffered much in consequence, especially the second son, Thomas, who resided with his widowed mother at Martholme in 1593. The family were always staunch to the faith, till the four-year-old son of Robert Hesketh, who died in Sept., 1651, was taken possession of and brought up a Protestant by puritanical guardians. The family received a baronetcy in 1761. Martholme Hall, now a farm-house, was a fine erection of stone, approached through a picturesque gateway. It is now the property of the Trappes-Lomax family of Clayton Hall, representatives of Richard Grimshaw Lomax, Esq., who acquired it in 1818.

ASSHETON, Richard, of *Whalley Abbey*, and also of Downham Hall in Downham chapelry and parish of Whalley, which estates he inherited from his great-uncle and namesake, the purchaser of Whalley Abbey, who died there in Jan., 1578. He was the second son of Ralph Assheton, of Great Lever, by Alice, d. of Wm. Hulton, of Farnworth, and mar. Margt. d. of Adam Hulton, of Hulton Park, who no doubt would be a Catholic, like the rest of his family at this period. His eldest son Richard, who died *vita patris*, was "supposed" to be bewitched to death about 1597. The second son, Nicholas, born in 1590, succeeded to the estates, and his *Journal*, 1617-8, was edited by Canon Raines for the *Chetham Soc.* vol. xiv, in 1848. The latter's son Richard died unmarried in 1657, having devised his estates to his second cousin Sir Ralph Assheton, of

Whalley, Bart. Though temporizers, most of the family secretly practised the religion of their forefathers.

TOWNELEY, Henry, of *Barneside* Manor, in the parochial chapelry of Colne and parish of Whalley, great-grandson of Lau. Towneley, second son of John Towneley, of Towneley, and his wife, Isabel, d. of Rich. Sherburne, of Stonyhurst, married Anne, 2nd d. & coh. of Thos. Catterall, of Catterall and Little Mitton, and his descendants continued to reside at Barneside till the death of Rich. Towneley, in 1739, when the estate passed to his only d. & h. Margt., who mar. in 1754 John Clayton, of Little Harwood. Henry Towneley and his wife were still on the recusant rolls in 1603-4. The family probably lost its faith through the unfortunate alliance of Henry Towneley's youngest son Robert, with the daughter of a parson, though Robert himself was on the recusant rolls for a long time.

Leyland Hundred

FLEETWOOD, John, of *Penwortham Priory*, in the parish of Penwortham, son of Wm. Fleetwood, of Hesketh, by Ellen, d. of Gilbert Standish, bought Penwortham Priory from the commissioners temp. Henry VIII. He mar. Joan, d. of Sir Thos. Langton, of Walton, baron of Newton, by Eliz., d. of Sir Edward Stanley, Lord Monteagle, and through her as coheiress to her nephew, Sir Thos. Langton, the Fleetwoods became heirs to the barony of Newton. He was sheriff of the county in 1578, and died in 1590-1. He was a temporizer in religion, though most of his relations remained staunch to the faith of their forefathers. His eldest son, Thomas, mar. Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Sherburne, of Stonyhurst, and his son, Sir Richard Fleetwood, of Calwich Abbey, co. Stafford, was created a baronet in 1611, and founded a noted Catholic family, which came to an end upon the death of the sixth baronet, Sir Thomas, Dec. 3, 1802, aged 61. The Fleetwoods parted with the manor of Penwortham to the Faringtons late in the seventeenth century, who in 1749 sold the Priory to John Aspinall, of Standen Hall, who resold it in 1752 to James Barton, of Ormeskirk, an East India merchant, who in turn sold it in 1810 to the Rawstornes of Hutton Hall.

BANASTRE (or Banister) Henry, of *Bank Hall*, in Bretherton, parish of Croston, son of Wm. Banastre, of the same, by Helen, d. of Sir Henry Halsall, of Halsall, succeeded his father in 1555-6, and married Margt., d. of Richard Worthington, of Blainscough Hall. He died in 1594. His descendants appear in the recusant rolls till the family came to a close with Anne, only d. & h. of Xfer. Banastre, of the Bank, who mar. Thomas Fleetwood, eldest son of Sir Rich. Fleetwood, knt. and bart., of Calwich, co. Stafford, a noted Catholic family, and their d. & h., Henrietta Maria Fleetwood, became the wife of Thos. Legh, of Lyme, co. Chester. The latter's eldest son, Fleetwood Legh, resided at Bank Hall, and mar. Muriel, only d. & h. of Sir Fris. Leycester, of Nether Tabley, co. Chester, Bart., and

had two drs. & cohers., the elder of whom mar. Peter Brooke, of Mere Hall, co. Chester, but having no issue Bank Hall passed to her uncle, Peter Legh, of Lyme, whose 2nd d. and coh. mar. Robt. Vernon Atherton, of Atherton and Bewsey Halls. The latter's eld. d. & coh., Henrietta Maria Atherton, mar. in 1797 the second Lord Lilford, who thus became possessed of Bank Hall. A junior branch of the Banisters always retained the faith, and gave some notable priests to the Church, of whom were the Rev. Robert Banister and his nephew the Rev. Henry Banister *alias* Rutter of Dodding Green.

HESKETH, Sir Thomas, of *Hesketh*, parish of Hesketh with Becconsall, agst. whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, & of *Holmes Wood Park & Rufford Hall*, in the ancient parish of Croston and more modern parish of Rufford, was descended from Sir Wm. Hesketh, of Hesketh, who acquired one half of the manor of Rufford with his wife Maude, d. & coh. of Richard Fytton, and whose grandson Sir Jno. Hesketh obtained the other half with his wife Alice, d. & h. of Edmund Fytton. The manor and whole township of Rufford, with the old and new halls, has just been put up to auction (Oct. 1906) by the trustees of Sir Thos. Geo. Fermor-Hesketh, 7th Bart. A notice of Sir Thomas will be found under Martholme in Blackburn Hundred.

ASHTON, Richard, of *Croston Hall*, in the parish of Croston, was descended from Thos. Ashton, who came from Ashton-under-Lyne, and about the reign of Henry VI obtained Croston with his wife Alice, d. & h. of Sir William Lee. The family were staunch recusants, and ended in the male line with an heiress—her brother being a Benedictine monk—Anne, d. of Richard Ashton, who mar. John Trafford, fourth son of Sir Cecil Trafford, of Trafford Hall, some of whose descendants have always resided at Croston Hall.

LATHOM, Richard, of *Parbold Hall*, in the parish of Eccleston, son of Thos. Lathom, of the same, by Isabel, d. of Alex. Standish, of Standish Hall, and his wife Anne, d. of Sir Wm. Molyneux, of Sefton, mar. Eliz., d. of Sir Piers Legh, of Lyme Hall, co. Chester. He was still alive in 1600. His son Thomas mar. 1^o Anne, d. of Sir Thos. Ersfield, of Sussex, and 2^o Eliz., d. of Xfer. Preston, of Holker, and relict of Edw. Tyldesley, of Morleys, and by the latter wife had a son Richard, born in 1623, who mar. Cath., d. of Sir Wm. Massey, of Puddington Hall, co. Chester. The family were recusants and royalists. Parbold passed out of their hands early in the 18th century, and is now the property of the Dicconsens of Wrightington.

RIGBY, Nicholas, of *Harrock Hill*, in Wrightington, parish of Eccleston, son of Nicholas Rigby, of the same, by Mary, d. of Oliver Breres, of Preston, mar. Eleanor, d. of Thos. Starkey, of Stretton, co. Chester. Both he and his wife were staunch recusants, and

heir names appear annually in the rolls till their deaths. He died in 1629. His younger brother, John Rigby, was condemned to death for being reconciled to the "Romish Religion," and was martyred at St. Thomas' Waterings, June 21, 1600, aged about 30. The family seems to have lost its faith in the succeeding generation. It ended in an heiress married to Thomas Baldwin, who assumed the name of Rigby, and that family continued to reside at Harrock till some thirty or forty years ago.

STANDISH, Edward, of *Standish Hall*, in the parish of Standish, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, was the son of Alex. Standish, of the same, who mar. in 1518 Anne, d. of Sir Wm. Molyneux, of Sefton. He mar. Ellen, d. of Sir Wm. Radcliffe, of Ordsall Hall, and had four sons. He died in 1603. Standish Hall was rebuilt by him in 1574. Though a justice of the peace he was a staunch Catholic, and befriended and sheltered Laurence Vaux, the last Catholic Warden of the Collegiate Church of Manchester, who deposited some of the Church plate and vestments with Mr. Standish in the hope that they would be forthcoming when required upon the return of the country to the faith, as nearly all the Lancashire gentry and people of that time anticipated would happen, which indeed would have done had the Queen not reigned so long. He was succeeded by his son Alex. Standish, whose descendants without exception clung to the old faith. The family ended in an heiress, Cecilie, d. of Ralph Standish and his wife the Lady Philippa Howard, d. of Henry, Duke of Norfolk. She mar. Wm. Towneley, of Towneley Hall, whose two younger sons successively assumed the name of Standish, but both dying without issue, the Standish estates passed to their nephew, Thomas Strickland, of Sizergh Castle, who assumed the name of Standish, and in whose descendants the estates are now vested. The chapel in the hall was used by the Catholics of the district throughout the days of persecution, and was served by the secular clergy. In 1742 a chapel was erected adjoining the hall, and the Benedictines took charge. In 1884 an independent chapel was erected, and the secular clergy resumed charge of the mission.

STANDISH, Edward (an error for Thomas), of *Duxbury Hall*, in the parish of Standish, was the representative of the junior branch of the family, which parted from the senior line in the reign of Edw. I, but had been re-allied through the marriage of Thos. Standish's grandfather and namesake with Cath. d. of Sir Alex. Standish, of Standish, in 1497. He was the son of James Standish, of Duxbury, by his second wife Eliz., d. & coh. of John Butler, of Rawcliffe Hall, the first wife, Eliz., d. of Evan Haydock, having died *s.p.* Thomas Standish mar. Margt., d. of Thos. Hoghton, of Pendleton Hall, by whom he had two sons. He was a temporizer, and died in 1599. His son and successor, Alexander, mar. Margt., d. of Sir Ralph Assheton, of Whalley Abbey, Bart., which seems to have been the first Protestant alliance of the family. His descen-

dant, Sir Rich. Standish, was created a baronet in 1677, but the title expired upon the death of his great grandson, Sir Frank Standish, 3rd Bart., in 1812. Duxbury then passed to distant cousins, descended from Sir Frank's aunt, Margt. Standish, who assumed the name of Standish, and now enjoy the estate.

HOGHTON, Richard, of *Park Hall*, in Charnock Richard, in the parish of Standish, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, was the beloved and faithful half-brother of "the Fugitive," Thomas Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, who had entrusted to him all his affairs. He was son of Sir Richard Hoghton, who died Aug. 5, 1558, by his fourth wife, Anne, d. of Roger Browne, and though born before wedlock, his father settled a large estate upon him. He was a very sincere Catholic, and suffered much for his constancy, as did all his descendants, as well as for their distinguished loyalty. They intermarried with many of the leading Catholic families of the county, and eventually, having married the heiress of the Daltons, of Thurnham Hall, assumed that name, and left Park Hall to reside there. Several of the family became Benedictine monks and nuns. Richard Hoghton died in 1623.

ASSHAW, Thomas, of the *Hall o'th' Hill*, Heath Charnock, in the parish of Standish, was the eld. s. of Roger Asshawe, of the same, by Jane, d. and coh. of Sir James Harrington, of West Leigh. He mar. Mary, d. of Jas. Anderton, Euxton Hall, and had an only d. and h., Anne, wife of Sir John Radcliffe, of Ordsall Hall. He was a Catholic but a temporizer. His brother, Leonard, died here in 1594, and his son and namesake, who was lord of the manor of the Hall o'th' Hill in 1600, was the last of the name, and died in 1633, leaving two or more daughters and coheirs, one of whom became the wife of Peter Egerton, Esq.

CHARNOCK, Robert, of *Little Farington Hall*, in the parish of Penwortham, and of Charnock and of Astley, in the parish of Chorley, succeeded his father, Thomas, to the estates, the Farington estate having descended from his grandmother, Cecily, d. and coh. of Peter Farington, of Little Farington, and his wife, Alice Huddleston, of Huddleston. He was five times married, 1^o to Isabel, d. of Sir Wm. Norreys, of Speke Hall; 2^o to Cath., d. of Thos. Gerard, of Bryn; 3^o to Alice, d. of . . . Leycester, of Tabley Hall, co. Chester; 4^o to one of the drs. & coh. of Henry Keighley, of Inskip Hall, co. Lanc., and Keighley, co. York; and 5^o to Eliz., d. of John Fleetwood, of Penwortham Hall. In 1586 he was reported to the Council as ill-affected towards the new religion, but nevertheless he was a temporizer. He was buried at Chorley, Jan. 12, 1615. His grandson and namesake was the last of his name to reside at Astley Hall, which passed with his d. and h., Margt., to her husband, Sir Peter Brooke, of Mere Hall, co. Chester.

FFARINGTON, William, of *Worden Hall*, in the parish of Ley-

land, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, also resided at Haudley Hall, in Blackburn Hundred, under which a notice of him will be found. A report to the Council in 1591, on the conduct of certain justices of the peace and ecclesiastical commissioners, says, "His children, wief, seldome communycat since her Matie's reign," and this in spite of his having been actively employed, as early as 1567, in the prosecution of the penal laws against those who refused to change with the times.

ANDERTON, William, of *Euxton Hall*, in the parish of Leyland, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, was a younger son of Hugh Anderton, of Euxton, by his 2nd wife, Alice, d. of Alex. Standish, of Standish Hall. This Hugh's grandfather and namesake was the third son of Oliver de Anderton, of Anderton, by Ellen, d. and coh. of Makyn Kenyon. Wm. Anderton married Isabel, d. of Wm. Hancock, of Pendle Hall, who was still paying her fines for recusancy in 1635. Dr Kuerden says that he was a justice of the peace under James I, but on account of his recusancy was imprisoned at Manchester with other Lancashire gentlemen. He died in 1618. The family have always adhered to the faith, and many of them have devoted their lives to the Church. They still reside at Euxton Hall.

ANDERTON, James, of *Clayton Hall*, in Clayton-le-Woods, parish of Leyland, was the eld. son of Hugh Anderton, of Clayton, by his first wife, Grace, d. and coh. of John Butler, of Rawcliffe Hall. He was born in or about 1542. Presumably he is the James Anderton who mar. Eliz., d. and h. of Richard Elston, of Elston Hall, by Ellen, d. of John Morley. His widow mar. 2ndly Ralph Holden of Holden, and 3rdly Ric. Banastre, of Altham, and died in Dec., 1611. He was a lawyer, having entered Gray's Inn in 1562, and conjointly with his cousin, James Anderton, of Lostock Hall, was farmer to her majesty of the goods of outlaws, and receiver of the duchy for sundry ports in 1590, when he was reported "to be backward in religion." He is named in the entail of Lostock in 1592. His eldest son and namesake entered Gray's Inn, May 14, 1593, and is said to have died in 1614. His third son, Hugh, died a student in orders at the English College at Rome in 1603. One of his daughters, Doro., mar. Thos. Woodcock, of Leyland, and was mother of the martyr, Fr. John Woodcock *alias* ffarington, O.S.F. The family were always staunch Catholics, and several of them entered the Church. They sold Clayton to Caryll, Viscount Molyneux of Maryborough, towards the close of the 17th century, and retired to Bardsea Hall, which they had inherited through the marriage of James Anderton with the d. and h. of Nic. Bardsea. Bardsea was also sold to the Molyneux family about 1726. The Andertons of Clayton were greatly impoverished through their recusancy and loyalty to the Stuarts.

HOGHTON, Thomas, *The Fugitive*, was the restorer of *Hoghton Tower* in the parish of Leyland. He was the eldest son of Sir

Richard Hoghton, by his first wife, Alice, d. and coh. of Sir Thos. Ashton, of Ashton-under-Lyne. He mar. Cath., d. of Sir Thos. Gerard, of Bryn, and his only surviving child Jane, became the wife of James Bradshaigh, of Haigh Hall, a noted Catholic family, now represented by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres. As previously stated (under Lea Hall, Amounderness Hundred), Hoghton died in 1580, and his namesake and half-brother, the second Thomas Hoghton, was slain in 1589, but the estate being escheated would account for its remaining in the Fugitive's name.

West Derby Hundred

DERBY, Henry, 4th Earl of, of *Lathom House*, in the parish of Ormskirk, and *Knowsley*, in the parish of Huyton, was lord lieutenant of the county, and, according to the 1590 *Vewe of Lanc.*, "hath preachinge in his house Sabothly, by the best preachers in ye countie, and he giveth honorable countenance to all the professors of religion, and is verie forwarde in the publique actions for religion." He died at Lathom Sept. 25, 1593.

SCARISBRICK, Edward, of *Scarisbrick Hall*, in the parish of Ormskirk, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, born about 1540, was s. and h. of James Scarisbrick and his wife Doro., d. of Jno. Booth, of Barton Hall. He mar. 1^o Margt., d. of Alex. Barlow, of Barlow Hall, M.P. for Wigan, and 2^o Anne, d. of Edward Singleton, of Broughton Tower, who died in March, 1603-4. He was receiver-general to the Earl of Derby, and in 1585 was one of the loyal association of the county justices. He was a temporizer, and in the 1590 "*Vewe of Lanc.*" is described as "of faire and auneynt lyving—conformable he, but his wife a recusant." This was his second wife. In 1591 a report on the conduct of justices thus refers to him: "Seldome communycateth, his children trayned up in Popery, and his daughters never come to the church." Thus he continued secretly a Catholic till his death April 27, 1599. His three sons having predeceased him, the Scarisbrick estate passed to a distant cousin, Henry Scarisbrick of Barwick-in-Furness, whose descendants held it till the extinction of the family in the male line upon the death of Charles Scarisbrick, May 6, 1860. The estate then passed to Charles' sister Anne, widow of Sir Thomas Windsor Hunloke, Bart., of Wingerworth, co. Derby, who assumed the name of Scarisbrick. Upon Lady Scarisbrick's death in 1872, at the advanced age of 84, Scarisbrick was inherited by her only surviving daughter, Margt. Eliz. Hunloke, wife of Leon Biaudos, Marquis de Casteja, a French nobleman of ancient descent. The old hall at Scarisbrick was pulled down by the late Charles Scarisbrick, who commenced the present imposing mansion, which was finished in his sister's time, from designs by the elder and younger Pugin. The Scarisbricks were always staunch to the faith, and many of them were distinguished members of the Society of Jesus and various religious communities. During the last half of the 18th century the family inherited the Eccleston Hall and Wroughton

Hall estates from the Ecclestones and Dicconsons, and at various times assumed those names.

KITCHEN, Barnaby, of Meols Hall, parish of North Meols, the Hall only appearing on the map, born 1535, was son of John Kitchen, of Pilling Hall, and resided there at this time. He mar., as noted under Amounderness, Anne, the elder d. & event. coh. of Sir Rich. Aughton, of Meols Hall, by Isabel, d. of Jas. Butler, of Rawcliffe, and his wife Eliz., d. of Sir Thos. Molyneux, of Sefton, and it was probably after the death in 1590 of the younger d. and coh., Eliz., wife of John Bold, that he removed to Meols Hall, where he resided till his death, July 6, 1603. He was a justice of the peace. Alice, his only dau. by the above union, was the sole h. to her mother's moiety of the manor of North Meols, and as coh. to her father obtained one-third of the Pilling estate. She mar. Hugh Hesketh, *fil. nat.* Sir Thomas Hesketh of Rufford; she was bur. at North Meols, Oct. 21, 1621, and her husband Mch. 30, 1625. Their descendants, intermarried with leading Catholic families, were very staunch to the old faith, and suffered much for their recusancy, till the commencement of the 18th century, when through some mischance the heir became Protestant. In 1831 Peter Hesketh, eld. surviving son of Robt. Hesketh, of Rossall and Meols Halls, assumed the additional name of Fleetwood, his great grandfather, Roger Hesketh, of Meols and Tulketh Halls, having mar. the h. of Edw. Fleetwood, of Rossall. He was created a baronet in 1838, and founded the town of Fleetwood, which practically ruined him. Sir Peter died in 1866, having sat in parliament for many years, and was succeeded in the baronetcy by his son the Rev. Sir Peter Louis Hesketh-Fleetwood, vicar of St Mary's, Plaistow, co. Kent. The elder Sir Peter's younger brother, Charles, rector of North Meols, inherited Meols, and was succeeded by his son Col. Edw. Fleetwood Hesketh, who *d.s.p.* 1886, when the estate passed to his nephew Chas. Hesketh Bibby, who assumed the name of Hesketh.

HULME (or Holme), Richard, of *Maghull* (pronounced Male) Hall, in the parish of Halsall, was lord of the manor, which his ancestors, who are said to have emigrated from the Fylde, had held from at least the reign of Henry VIII. The manor was long leased to the Maghulls. In 1610 the benefit of Richard Hulme's recusancy was granted to John Hatton, a footman in ordinary to James I, whose canny habit was to rid himself of his importunate followers by satiating them with the plunder of Catholics, termed the benefit of recusancy. The Hulmes had always declined to conform to the new religion, and their names may be traced in the recusant rolls for a long period. They sold the manor to Viscount Molyneux in the 18th century.

MAGHULL, Richard, of *Maghull* (pronounced Male), in Halsall parish, was bailiff or steward to Sir Richard Molyneux, of Sefton, in 5588. His son and namesake died in 1607 seized of the manor of

Maghull, which he held under Richard Hulme. The family was descended from Richard Maghull and his wife Alice, d. & h. of Wm. de Aintree, *temp.* Edw. I, whose son Richard was seized of lands in Maghull, Melling and Aintree, and one of his descendants, Robert Maghull, of Maghull, forester of the Isle of Man, died in 1547. The latter's dau. Eleanor was the second wife of Sir Richard Molyneux, of Sefton. Richard Maghull, of Aintree, and Ellen his wife appear in the recusant rolls 1613-27, and their son Bartholomew appears on the roll for the latter year.

STARKEY, Henry, of *Aughton*, in the parish of that name, in 1560 succeeded his father John Starkey, who was descended from a third son of the Starkeys of Stretton, co. Chester. He mar. Isabel, d. of Edw. Radcliffe, of Todmorden, and had a son John and a dau. Ellen, wife of Edward Braddyll, of Portfield. He died in 1593. His descendant Edw. Starkey married a lady of a well-known Catholic family, Alice, d. of Thos. Whittingham, of Whittingham Hall, and returned a pedigree at the Visitation of 1664, his eldest son Aughton Starkey being then of the age of 21.

IRELAND, Laurence, of *Lydiat Hall*, in the parish of Halsall, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, born in 1552, was the eldest son of Wm. Ireland, of the same, by his first wife Margt., d. of Thos. Torbock, of Torbock Hall. His half-brother William, son of his father's second wife, Eleanor, d. of Roger Molyneux, of Hawkley Hall, purchased Nostell Priory, co. York, and was the father of Sir Fris. Ireland, who mar. Eliz., d. of Wm., Lord Eure of Wilton. Laurence Ireland was presented as a recusant in 1581. In the 1590 "Vewe" he was one of those "though in some degree of conformitie, yet in general note of evil affection in religion, and not communicants, and ye wives of most of them recusants"; and in 1592, George Dingley, the apostate priest and informer, writing to Lord Burghley testified to his having been hospitably received and relieved, as well as another priest, by Mr Ireland at Lydiat. In fact he was, like the vast majority of the gentry and people of the county at this period, a temporizer, outwardly conforming to the arbitrary laws imposed by the government whilst practising his religion in secret. He was twice married, 1^o to Eliz., d. of Rich. Starkey, of Stretton, co. Chester, who died *s.p.*, and 2^o to Margt., d. of Edw. Scarisbrick, of Scarisbrick Hall, by whom he had four sons & a daughter. He died in 1609, and his eldest son being a minor was placed in wardship by the crown. This ancient feudal right was made a fruitful source of perversion during the reign of Elizabeth and her successors down to 1660, as instanced in the cases of the Hoghtons, Leghs, Bradshaighs, and other leading families of the county, who were thus deprived of their birthright of faith. Edward Ireland, his eldest son, somehow managed to escape this fate, but his younger sons were brought up Protestants. The last of the family, Laurence Ireland, after the death of his wife, in Dec. 1663, abandoned his honourable position in

the world to enter the Society of Jesus, and died at York in 1673, leaving two drs. and cohers., Kath., a Benedictine nun at Dunkirk, and Margaret, who married Sir Charles Anderton, of Lostock, 2nd Bart., and carried Lydiate to that family, from whom it passed to the Blundells, of Ince Blundell, and is now held by the Weld-Blundells.

MOLYNEUX, John, of *The Wood*, in Melling, parish of Halsall, is evidently a mistake for Edmond, second son and heir of John, who died in 1581. John Molyneux was a great "harbourer" of priests, and was arraigned before the Earl of Derby and the Queen's commissioners in 1568. He suffered imprisonment and the usual penalties for recusancy. He mar. 1^o Alice, d. of Thos. Ashton, of Croston Hall, and 2^o Margt., d. of Roger Asshaw, of the Hall o' th' Hill, and relict of Hugh Adlington. His second son and successor, Edmond, by the first wife, is described in the 1590 "Vewe" as "in some degree of conformitie, yet in general note of evil affection in religion," and no communicant. In 1591 he was a justice of the peace and steward of her majesty's hundreds of West Derby, Salford and Blackburn, and in a report to the Council it is observed: "His wief and famylie are very evillie disposed, and retayneth in his s'vice gentlemen of very good countenance, the most notorious Papists of that end of Lankeshire, as the Blundells, Irelands, and others." His wife is supposed to have been a daughter of Sir Wm. Norreys, of Speke Hall, her name not appearing in the pedigree returned in 1567 as the marriage had not then taken place, and no pedigree was returned at the Visitation of 1613 as Edward Molyneux died in that year. The pedigree in the next Visitation of 1664 only commences with his son. His descendants were all recusants, and there were many priests and religious of the family. They eventually acquired the Mosborough Hall estate with the heiress of the Lathoms, and subsequently made it their principal residence. The family came to a close with Frances, only d. and h' of William Molyneux, of Mosborough Hall and The Wood, by Frces., d. of Jas. Gorsuch, of Gorsuch Hall, who married, in 1752, Sir Edward Blount, of Sodington, co. Worcester, Bart., and carried the estates to that family.

BLUNDELL, Robert, of *Ince Blundell Hall*, in the parish or Sephton, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, born in 1552, was son of Robt. Blundell, of the same, by Anne, d. of Robt. Molyneux, of The Wood. He mar. in 1573, Mary, d. of Rich. Masy, of Rixton Hall, and his son and namesake was born in the following year. He was a very devout Catholic, and usually kept a priest in his house, though in the 1590 "Vewe" he is classed with those gentry who were "in some degree of conformitie." Notwithstanding various reports of spies and Lord Burghley's ominous +, Mr Blundell seems to have escaped imprisonment, and at one period he was a justice of the peace, though it is most probable he was, like others who declined to surrender their faith or give hearty adhesion to the new religion, very soon disallowed. He died March 23, 1616.

His family retained the faith till it came to an end in the male line upon the death of the eccentric Charles Robert Blundell in 1837, when under his will Ince Blundell passed to Thos. Weld, second son of Joseph Weld, of Lulworth Castle, co. Dorset, who assumed the additional name of Blundell, and whose son is the present possessor of the estates. The testator's two sisters, married respectively to Thos. Stonor, of Stonor (father of Lord Camoys), and Stephen Tempest, of Broughton (father of Sir Charles Robert Tempest, Bart.), only received the Lostock and Anderton estates, which came to the Blundells with the heiress of Sir Charles Anderton, Bart.

BLUNDELL, Richard, of *Crosby Hall*, in the parish of Sephton, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, born in 1536, was son of Henry Blundell, of the same, by Anne, d. of Sir Wm. Leyland, of Morleys Hall. He mar. Anne, d. of Rich. Starkey, of Stretton, co. Chester. His staunch adherence to the ancient faith of the fatherland soon brought upon him the bitterest persecution. His name was reported to the Bishop of Chester as a receiver of priests in 1568, and he was probably arrested and taken to the castle at Chester in that year. He is again found being reported to the Council for recusancy in 1584, and in June, 1590, the year in which this map was drawn up, his house was searched by Lord Derby, and himself, his son William, and a priest named Robert Woodroffe were all taken to Chester Castle. In August they were indicted at the Lancaster assizes, and being convicted were committed to Lancaster Castle. The severity of the confinement, and the unwholesomeness of the prison, soon told upon Richard Blundell's health, and on March 19, 1591-2, he died in the Castle, a confessor of the faith. His son, William, born in 1560, suffered like his father the usual penal fines for his recusancy, two-thirds of his estate being escheated by the crown. He was imprisoned for five years in various jails, and after his release was frequently obliged to seek safety in flight. His wife, Amelia, d. of Edward, son of Sir Wm. Norreys of Speke Hall, also suffered a long imprisonment for her faith in Chester Castle. The family ended in the male line upon the death of Nicholas Blundell in 1737, who by his wife Frances, d. of Marmaduke, second Lord Langdale, left two daughters and coheir-esses, one of whom married Henry Peppard, whose son, Nicholas, succeeded to Crosby and assumed the name of Blundell. The confessor's second son and namesake, Richard Blundell, was a priest, and in 1592 was chaplain to Mrs. Hoghton at Lea Hall; and several of his descendants were Jesuits and members of religious communities.

MORE, William, of *Bank Hall*, in Kirkdale, parish of Walton-on-the-Hill, and of More Hall, near Liverpool, son of John More, of the same, by Anne, d. & h. of Thos. Hawarden, of Chester, is reported in the 1590 "Vewe" as one of the justices "more usuall comers to the church, but not communicants." This was the com-

mon complaint against the Lancashire gentry, who held the new form of "sacrament" in utter contempt. His father's generation were good Catholics, but he seems to have bent to the times and led his family astray. His wife Jane, d. of James Lightowlers, had probably some influence with him in this matter. His descendant, Sir Edward More, of More Hall, was created a baronet in 1675, a title which expired upon the death of Sir Wm. More, the fifth Bart., in 1810.

NORREYS, Edward, of *Speke Hall*, in the parish of Childwall, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, was the son and heir of Sir Wm. Norreys, of the same, by his second wife Anne, eld. d. & coh. of David Middleton, of Chester, and relict of Thos. Scriven, of Frodesley, co. Salop. His father was in much trouble on account of his adherence to the ancient faith of the fatherland in 1568, and was made to feel the power of the Council when extra stringency was put on in that year. Notwithstanding, all the family and their relatives declined to believe in the government's new religion. Edward Norreys was reported to the Council in 1584, and in the 1590 "Vewe" is described as "of ffaire and auntyent lyving" and is classed with those justices of the peace "in some degree of conformitie, yet in general note of evil affection in religion, not communicants," and his wife is noted as a recusant and thereof indicted. He died in 1606, and his widow was still on the recusant rolls in 1607-1608. He was succeeded by his son Sir Wm. Norreys, K.B., who married Eleanor, d. of Sir Wm. Molyneux, of Sefton, and died about 1626. The family retained its faith till about the middle of the 17th century. It came to a close with the two daughters and coheirresses of Thos. Norreys of Speke Hall, one of whom married in 1736 Lord Sydney Beauclerk, 5th son of Charles, first Duke of St Albans, a worthless fortune-hunter, whose son, Topham Beauclerk, sold the estate to Richard Watt. A large portion of Speke Hall, which is the finest example existing in the county of Elizabethan timber houses in the post and pan style, was erected by Edward Norreys in 1598.

IRELAND, George, of *The Hutt*, in Hale, parish of Childwall, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, son of Thos. Ireland of the same, by Margt., d. of Sir Rich. Bold, of Bold Hall, had long been suspected of recusancy, though he was a justice of the peace. In the 1590 "Vewe" he is amongst those magistrates "though in some degree of conformitie, yet in general note of evil affection in religion, not communicants, and ye wives of ye most of them recusants." He mar., 1^o Eliz., eld. d & coh. of Ralph Birkenhead, lord of Crowton, co. Chester, and 2^o in 1583, Eliz., d. & h. of Edw. Colwiche, of Colwiche, and relict of Peter Leycester, of Tabley Hall, co. Chester. His eldest son John, by his first wife, who returned a pedigree in 1613, mar. Cath., d. & coh. of Peter Leycester, of Tabley, but died *s.p.*, and was succeeded by his next brother Sir Gilbert Ireland, who likewise died *s.p.* in 1675, when his sister

Eleanor became his coheirress, and from whom the present Ireland-Blackburnes, of The Hutt, derive.

TORBOCK, Edward, of *Torbock Hall*, in the parish of Huyton, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, was the representative of an ancient and knightly family. He was the second son of Thomas Torbock, by Eliz., d. of Wm. More, of Bank Hall, and succeeded to the estate upon the death of his brother William, who had only two daughters by his wife, Cath., d. of Sir Thos. Gerard, of Bryn. Edward Torbock mar. Doro., d. of Sir George Cotton, of Combermere, co. Chester, and had two sons and a daughter. He was under suspicion of adhering to the old Church in 1584, and in the 1590 "Vewe" he appeared in the list of justices who were "more usuall comers to the church, but not communicants." He died in 1608. His son and successor, Sir Edward Torbock, was knighted by James I, at Whitehall, Nov. 1, 1606, and mar. Margt. d. & h. of Sir William Norreys, of Speke Hall, by whom he had two sons Edward and George. Sir Edward and his sons joined in the sale of the Torbock estate, which is said to have been ruined through gaming.

HARRINGTON, John, of *Huyton Hey*, in Huyton parish, son of Percival Harrington, of the same, by Ann, d. of Sir Rich. Norreys, of Speke Hall, mar. Alice, d. of Thos. Torbock, of Torbock Hall. He was a justice of the peace, and in the 1590 "Vewe" is bracketed with those who are "all of them, though in some degree of conformitie yet in general note of evil affection in religion, not communicants, and ye wives of ye most of them recusants." He died within the next few years, and his widow was still paying her fines for recusancy in 1606-7. All his children and descendants were equally staunch in their faith. The family came to an end in the male line, and the estates, including Aigburth Hall, which they had inherited through the heiress of the Tarletons, passed to the Molyneux family of New Hall upon the death *s.p.* of Charles Harrington, of Aigburth Hall and Huyton Hey, in 1720. One of his sisters, Margt. Maura Harrington, O.S.B., died at Cambrai in the same year. The Molyneux family also came to an end in the male line after inheriting the Harrington estates, and it is now represented by the family of Molyneux-Seel, of Huyton Hey, but Aigburth and much other property has been sold by them. Mass was regularly said in the domestic chapels in Huyton Hey and Aigburth Hall.

ECCLESTON, Henry, of *Eccleston Hall*, in the parish of Prescot, son of Thomas Eccleston, of the same, by Helen, d. of Piers Legh, of Lyme, co. Chester, and Bradley Hall, co. Lanc., and his wife Margt. Tyldesley, of Tyldesley, is described in the 1590 "Vewe" as of "fayre lyving" and is classed amongst the knights and esquires not in the commission of the peace who were temporizers, but in general note of evil affection towards the new religion, not communicants, and their wives mostly recusants. His wife Margery,

d. & coh. of Ralph Birkenhead, of Crowton, co. Cheshire, was declared to be a recusant convict. He died in 1593, and in December of that year Lord Burghley ordered the apprehension of his son and successor, Edward, as an "obstinate" recusant. The family continued true to the faith, and suffered bitterly in consequence till its extinction in the male line upon the death of Fr. Edward Eccleston, S.J., in 1743. Previous to this, in 1727, the good Father had settled the Eccleston Hall estates upon his cousin John Gorsuch, of Gorsuch Hall, who assumed the name of Eccleston, and upon his death *s.p.* in 1742, they passed to Basil Thomas Scarisbrick, of Scarisbrick, who likewise assumed the name, and were sold by his son, Thomas Eccleston, about 1812.

MOLYNEUX, Sir Richard, of *Croxteth Hall*, in the old chapelry of West Derby in the ancient parish of Walton-on-the-Hill, and of Sefton (or Sephton) Hall in the parish of Sephton, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, was born in 1560. He was the eldest son of Wm. Molyneux, who died *vivo patre* 1567, by Bridget, d. of John Caryll, of Warnham, co. Sussex, attorney to the Duchy of Lancaster. In 1568 he became heir to his grandfather, Sir Richard Molyneux, being then in ward to Sir Gilbert Gerard, master of the rolls, whose eldest dau. Frances he married. Though Burghley has called him *armiger*, he had been knighted by Queen Elizabeth on June 24, 1586, and later was sheriff of the county, in the 31st and again in the 39th year of her majesty's reign. Upon the institution of the order of baronets, May 21, 1611, he was the second in order of those advanced to that dignity by James I. In the 1590 "Vewe of y^e State of y^e Countie" it is said that he "maketh shew of good conformitie, but many of his companie ar in evell note." He temporized outwardly, and practised his religion in secret. His children were brought up Catholics, and all his descendants remained so till the premature death of the father of the 9th Viscount Molyneux of Maryborough was the unfortunate cause of the family's loss of its faith. Charles William, 9th Viscount, an only child, and under eight years of age at the time of his father's death, was brought up a Protestant by his guardians. He was then put through the farce of publicly reading his "Renunciation of the Errors of the Church of Rome," before the curate and clerk of St Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, March 5, 1769. Three years later the government rewarded him for this act by creating him Earl of Sefton, in the peerage of Ireland. Sir Richard's son and namesake was advanced to the peerage of Ireland, Dec. 22, 1628, by the title of Viscount Molyneux of Maryborough. Throughout the days of persecution Mass was regularly said in the private chapels at Croxteth and Sefton, as well as at other mansions belonging to the family.

STANLEY, Peter, of *Bickerstaffe Hall*, in the parish of Ormskirk, and of Moor Hall, in the parish of Aughton, was the second son of Sir Wm. Stanley, of Stanley, Hooton, and Storeton, by Agnes,

d. & coh. of Sir James Harrington, of Woolfage, co. Northampton. He was thrice married, 1^o to Eliz., d. of James Scarisbrick, *jure uxoris* of Bickerstaffe, by Margt., d. & h. of Thomas Atherton, of Bickerstaffe, 2^o to Cicely, d. of Rich. Tarleton, of Walton, and 3^o to Jane, who was living at the time of his will in 1589. Bickerstaffe went to his daughter Margt., by his first wife, who married Sept. 26, 1563, Henry, second son of Sir James Stanley, of Cross Hall, marshal of Ireland and brother of Thomas, second Earl of Derby. Henry was living at Bickerstaffe, and appears in the 1590 "Vewe" as one of the "more usuall comers to church but not communicants." He was buried at Ormskirk, July 23, 1598, and his son Edward was created a baronet in 1627, and was ancestor of the present Earl of Derby. Peter Stanley resided at Moor Hall, in Aughton, and was a recusant in 1584, and remained so till his death in 1592. His will, dated Oct. 20, 1589, was proved Aug. 7, 1592. His eldest son Edward, by his second wife, succeeded to the Moor Hall estate, and mar. 1^o Kath., d. of Lau. Ireland, of Lydiate, and relict of Henry Stanley, younger son of Thomas, second Earl of Derby, by whom he had two daughters, Jane & Eliz., both recusants, and 2^o Eliz., d. of Leonard Hoghton, of Grimsargh Hall, by whom he had a son and successor, Peter Stanley, of Moor Hall, whose descendants were always staunch to the faith.

BYROM, John, of *Parr Hall*, in the parish of Prescott, was lord of this manor, but at this time resided at Byrom (*vide* under parish of Winwick), while his son and heir Henry occupied the manor-house at Parr.

BOLD, Richard, of *Bold Hall*, in the parish of Prescott, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, was son of Rich. Bold, of the same, by his second wife Eliz., d. of Sir Thomas Gerard, of Bryn. In 1577, while sheriff of the county, he does not appear to have been so active in prosecuting recusants as the Council desired. In 1584 he was reported to Lord Burghley as a recusant, and pressure was brought to bear upon him, which would appear to have had some effect, for in the 1590 "Vewe" he is described as a justice "of fayre and aunycnt lyvinge" who "maketh shew of good conformitie, but not gratefully forward in publiq actions for religion." In 1591 a report of the Council declared that "he hath of late reformed, his wief and famylie." He mar. Jane, d. of Wm. Mordaunt, of Oakley, co. Beds, by Agnes, d. & h. of Charles Booth, of the Bishopric of Durham, and died without legitimate issue Apr. 1, 1602. His widow married John Edwards, of Chirk Castle, co. Denbigh. He was succeeded by his illegitimate son, Sir Thos. Bold, who dying without issue, the estates reverted to the rightful heirs, and the family continued till the death of Peter Bold, M.P. co. Lanc., in 1762, whose d. & coh., Doro., mar. Thos. Patten, of Bank, who inherited the Bold estates and assumed the name. The latter's son, Col. Peter Patten Bold, M.P. for Malmesbury, died in 1819, leaving two drs. & cohers., one mar. to Prince Eustace Sa-

pieha, of Dereczyn, in the Duchy of Lithuania, and the other to Sir Henry Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, Bart., who assumed the name of Bold in addition to & before that of Hoghton. His son Sir Henry de Hoghton, 9th Bart., sold the Bold estates. Several of the junior branches of the family were still on the recusant rolls in the reign of Charles I.

BOTELER (or Butler), Sir Thomas, of *Bewsey Hall*, in Burtonwood, in the parish of Warrington, 17th baron of Warrington, was born in 1516 and died Sept. 22, 1579, but the estate may have remained in his name owing to the following peculiar circumstances. His only son Edward, by his wife Eleanor, d. of John Huddleston, of Sawston Hall, co. Cambridge, born in 1553, was a man of a very weak character, and fell into the clutches of the iniquitous Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, who obtained his wardship and defrauded him of every portion of his inheritance, save a paltry life estate. In his childhood the poor man had been contracted in marriage to Jane, d. of Rich. Brook, of Norton, co. Chester, and just before his death he married, to the Earl's chagrin, Margt., d. of Richard Masterson, of Nantwich, co. Chester. Though he had been in good health, he came to a sudden end within a few weeks of his marriage, in Nov., 1586, the cause of his death being suppressed, and the usual *inquisition post mortem* into his estate omitted. The circumstances connected with his death point to Leicester, who kept a professional poisoner in the person of an Italian physician to make away with people who were inimical to his interests. In the August preceding the baron's tragic death, two sharks, or dealers in concealed lands, Theoph. Adams and Thos. Butler, both of London, had obtained a grant from the crown of all the messuages and lands late belonging to Sir Thomas Boteler, deceased, lying in Burtonwood and the two Sankeys. Bewsey subsequently passed through the Irelands and Athertons to the Lords Lilford. Part of the baron's estate was used by Leicester to endow his hospital at Warwick.

MASCY, Richard, of *Rixton Hall*, in Rixton-with-Glazebrook, parish of Warrington, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, is an error for William Mascy, unless Lord Burghley has added this name at a later date to his transcript, for it is not distinguishable on the original map. William Mascy was the son of Richard Mascy, of Rixton, by Anne, d. of Thurstan Tyldesley, of Wardley Hall. He was born in 1552, and in 1572 mar. Doro., d. and h. of Peter Danyell, of The Hall in the Wood in Over Tabley, co. Chester. In the 1590 "Vewe" he was returned amongst the esquires "though in some degree of conformitie, yet in general note of evil affection in religion, not communicants, and y^e wives of y^e most of them recusants." In Oct., 1592, George Dingley, the apostate priest and spy, reported to Burghley that "Mr. Masey of Rixton lodged and releived Gaile [Xfer. Bowes, *alias* Gale or Simpson, ordained at Douay in 1584] the semynarie prieste sinne the last statute of recusancie . . . for he is of good lands." William Masey

died in 1595, and his widow Dorothy was on the recusant rolls till she was buried at Warrington, Sept. 3, 1613. Their son Richard, born in 1573, succeeded, and about 1595 mar. Anne, d. of Rich. Middleton, of Middleton Hall, co. Westm. He was a recusant all his life, as were all his family. His brother William was a priest, and many of his descendants were nuns. He was buried at Warrington Jan. 14, 1645. The last heir male of the family was Francis Mascy, who dying unmarried in 1748 bequeathed his estates to Geo. Meynell, of Aldborough Hall, son of Geo. Meynell, of Aldborough and Dalton, co. York, and his wife Mary, sole child & heiress of Hamlet Mascy, of Rixton, by Margt., d. & coh. of Sir Edw. More, of Thelwall, co. Chester, Bart. Geo. Meynell, the son, dying unmarried, a month after Francis Mascy's will was made in 1741, his three sisters became coheirs, and they inherited the Rixton estates in 1748. One of these sisters, the eldest, Eliz., mar. in 1748 Thos. Witham, M.D., of Old Elvet, Durham; the second, Anna Clementina, mar. in 1749 Simon Scrope, of Danby Hall, co. York, and had the manor of Dalton as her share; and the youngest, Frances Olive, mar. in 1748 Stephen Walter Tempest, of Broughton Hall, co. York, and shared with her sister Elizabeth the manor of Rixton. Most of the Tempest moiety remained in that family until after the death of Sir Charles Robert Tempest, Bart., in Dec., 1865. There was always a priest at Rixton Hall, and the history of the mission would reveal some exciting incidents.

LEGH, Sir Peter, of *Bradley Park*, in Newton, in the parish of Winwick, and of Lyme Hall, in Cheshire, born in 1569, succeeded his grandfather, Sir Peter Legh in 1589. On Sept. 19, 1585, he was married to Margt., d. of Sir Gilbert Gerard, master of the rolls, and had seven sons, of whom the eldest was Piers. He was Sheriff of Cheshire in 1595, and M.P. for that county. He received his spurs in 1598, and died at Lyme, Feb. 17, 1635-6. In the 1590 "Vewe" he is described as "of greate good hope." The extensive Lancashire estates of the family were obtained through the marriage of Sir Peter de Legh, of Lyme, who fought at Agincourt in 1415, with Joan, d. & h. of Sir Gilbert de Haydock, of Haydock, Bradley, Newton, etc., from one of which the present representative of the family, Lord Newton, derives his title.

LANGTON, Sir Thomas, "baron of Walton," though often thus described, was really baron of Newton in Makerfield, parish of Winwick, *vide* under Blackburn Hundred.

BRYCHE (or Bruche), Richard, of *Bruche Hall*, in Haydock, in the parish of Winwick, unless an error has been made in the Christian name, must have been Richard, third son of Thomas Bryche, of Bryche, by his second wife, Sibyl, d. of Sir Geo. Holford, of Holford Hall, and relict of Jno. Warburton, of Arley Hall, co. Chester. His eldest brother, Hamlet Bryche, by his father's first wife, Margt., d. of

Peter Legh, of Bradley Hall, appears in the 1590 "Vewe" in the list of esquires, "more usuall comers to the church, but not communicants." He married, Feb. 10, 1563, Jane, d. of Rich. Mascy, of Rixton Hall, and had a dau. Dorothy. Hamlet's brother, Roger, was in possession of Bruche Hall in 1600, but the manor was sold to Sir Peter Legh in 1602.

CULCHETH (*Kilshay*), John, of *Culcheth Hall*, in the parish of Winwick, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, was the son of John Culcheth, of the same, who mar., in 1566, Cecilia, d. of Sir Thos. Southworth, of Samlesbury Hall, by Margery, d. of Sir Thos. Boteler, of Bewsey, baron of Warrington. His father died in 1574, and his mother remarried Thos. Clifton, of Westby Hall. His child-marriage in 1576 was to Maud, d. of John Poole, of Poole Hall, co. Chester, by whom he had a son, John, baptized Dec. 10, 1599, who by covenant, dated Aug. 8, 1604, was contracted in marriage to Christian (subsequently called Jane in her husband's will), dau. of John Hawarden, of Widnes. In the 1590 "Vewe" Mr Culcheth appears in the list of justices of the peace who were "more usuall comers to the church, but not communicants," and subsequently his name appears on the recusant rolls till his death, Sept. 24, 1625. All his descendants continued staunch to the faith till the extinction of the family in the male line upon the death, in Oct., 1747, of Thos. Culcheth, whose wife, Anne, was the d. of Sir Piers Mostyn, of Talacre, co. Flint. The Culcheth estate then passed to Thos. Stanley, of Great Eccleston Hall in the Fylde, whose father, Richard, had married Thos. Culcheth's aunt, Anne, d. of Thos. Culcheth and his wife Anne, d. of Jas. Bradshaigh, of Haigh Hall, and sister of Sir Roger Bradshaigh, Bart. Thos. Stanley married Meliora, d. of Thos. Gomeldon, of Summerfield Court, co. Kent, and heiress to her brother Richard. She had previously been the wife of James Poole, third son of Sir James Poole, of Poole Hall, co. Chester, Bart. Upon Mrs. Stanley's death in June, 1749, the Culcheth estates passed to her d. & h., Meliora Stanley, wife of Wm. Dicconson, 4th son of Edw. Dicconson, of Wrightington Hall, and she dying in 1794, Culcheth Hall and estates passed to John Trafford, of Croston Hall, and subsequently of Trafford House, whose grandfather and namesake, of Croston, had married Cath., d. of Thos. Culcheth and sister of Mrs. Richard Stanley. By the Traffords Culcheth was sold to Peter Withington. The Culcheths were a very religious family, and a great many of them became Jesuits and nuns.

HOLCROFT, Sir John, of *Holcroft Hall*, in Culcheth, parish of Winwick, son of Sir John of the same, by Anne, d. of Ralph Standish, of Standish Hall, mar. Doro., d. of Sir Rich. Bold, of Bold Hall. His uncle, Sir Thomas Holcroft, of Vale Royal, co. Chester, was a great trafficker in monastic property in the reign of Henry VIII. He was knight marshal to Queen Mary, and his dau. Isabel was the wife of Edward, Earl of Rutland. This branch of the

Holcrofts is still seated at Vale Royal. The Holcrofts of Holcroft seem to have been generally Catholic though temporizers. Sir John's only d. & h., Alice, married in 1572 Sir Edw. Fytton, of Gawsworth Hall, co. Chester, whose brother Francis was a priest. The Holcroft estate passed to Sir John's brother Hamlet, who mar. Isabel, d. of Thos. Clifton, of Westby Hall, and he was succeeded by his son John, who was in possession of Holcroft Hall in 1600. The latter's son Hamlet and his wife Dorothy were recusants *temp.* Charles I, and the family ended with the coheresses of Thos. Holcroft, of Holcroft Hall, of whom Eleanor married in 1679 Thomas Tyldesley, of Myerscough Lodge, the diarist, whose grandson James Tyldesley, who died in 1768, handed down Holcroft Hall to his son Thomas, from whom it speedily passed into other hands.

BYROM (or Byron), John, of *Byrom Hall*, in Lowton, parish of Winwick, son of Henry Byrom, of the same, by Eliz., d. of Sir Rich. Bold, of Bold Hall, was on the recusant rolls in 1584, and in the 1590 "Vewe" appears amongst the esquires not in the commission of the peace "more usuall comers to the church, but not communicants," and his daughter-in-law "Marie Byrome, the wief of Henrie Byrome, of Par, gentleman, sonne and heire of John Byrome, Esquiere, in Prescott p̄she," amongst the gentlewomen "recusants and thereof indicted." John Byrom died in 1593. His son Henry, at this time resident at Parr Hall (*vide* under Prescott parish), mar. Mary, d. of Wm. Gerard, of Ince Hall, and died at Parr, Ap. 16, 1613, followed by his widow in 1614. All the family appear in the recusant rolls till the death of Henry's grandson and namesake, born 1608, a major in Lord Molyneux's regiment of foot, who was slain at the battle of Edge Hill, Oct. 23, 1642, leaving several infant children, who were brought up Protestants by their guardians. The Byroms of Kersal Cell branched from those of Byrom, and Byrom Hall eventually came into their possession, and in 1838, upon the death of Eleanora, d. of Edw. Byrom, passed to her niece the late Miss Atherton.

GERARD, Sir Thomas, of *Bryn Hall*, in Ashton-in-Makerfield, parish of Winwick, s. of Sir Thomas Gerard, of the same, by Jane, d. of Sir Peter Legh, of Haydock Park, co. Lanc., and Lyme, co. Chester, mar. Eliz., d. & coh. of Sir Jno. Port, of Etwall, co. Derby, and his second son John Gerard was the eminent Jesuit whose autobiography is so well known to all students of Elizabethan history. Sir Thomas was committed to the Tower in 1571 on a charge of conspiring to restore the Queen of Scots to liberty and her kingdom, and suffered great loss in his estate. He obtained his release, but in 1586 was again committed to the Tower, whence he was transferred to the Counter in Wood Street. This treatment had the desired effect, and broke down his *morale*, so that in 1590 the writer of the "Vewe of y^e state of y^e Countie" was able to report that "he hath made shewe of conformitie in our countie," and subsequently, according to the contemporary writer of the life of his

fellow-prisoner in the Tower, the Earl of Arundel, Sir Thomas "lived a lewd licentious life, fell from the profession of the Catholic faith, and so continued till about a year before his death," which occurred in Sept. 1601. The poor knight, like many other temporizers, was anxious to be reconciled to the Church before his death. He had brought his family up in the faith, and they and their descendants retained it in spite of fine and imprisonment, and are still well-known Catholics. Sir Thomas's son and heir, Sir Thomas Gerard, who resided at High le Carr during his father's lifetime, mar. as his first wife, Cecily, d. of Sir Walter Meyney, of Staplehurst, co. Kent, and she and her widowed mother Anne Meyney were recusant convicts in 1590. In 1592 the younger Sir Thomas was reported to the Council as having kept a "notorious recusant to his schoolmaster" for many years. The family always maintained priests at Bryn and Garswood, who attended to the religious wants of the people of those neighbourhoods. This Sir Thomas was created a baronet in 1611, and his descendant Sir Robert Tolver Gerard, the 13th baronet, was in 1876 raised to the peerage as Baron Gerard, a title now held by his grandson.

GERARD, Sir Gilbert, of *Astley*, in the parish of Leigh, who has been noticed under Lonsdale and Amounderness hundreds, held the manor of Astley, with the lordship of Tyldesley, Bolton and Darcy Lever. He was also lay impropriator of half the tithes of Westleigh Rectory, and a landowner in Bedford. This property seems to have come through his wife Anne Radclyffe, of Winmarleigh. Dam House in Tyldesley, the manor-house of Astley, was sold to Adam Mort between 1606 and 1609, and it is now known as Astley Hall.

TYLDESLEY, Thomas, of *Morleys Hall*, in Astley, parish of Leigh, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, died in 1590. A notice of him will be found under Amounderness. He inherited Morleys from his mother Anne, d. & h. of Wm. Leyland, of Morleys Hall, son of Sir Wm. Leyland, of the same, by Anne, d. & h. of Alan Singleton, of Withgill. His widow appears as a recusant convict in the 1590 "Vewe." She was still on the recusant rolls in 1598.

ATHERTON, John, of *Atherton Hall*, in the parish of Leigh, born in or about 1556, son of Sir John Atherton, by Margt., 4th d. & coh. of Thos. Catterall, of Catterall and Little Mitton, succeeded his father in 1572, and was twice married, 1^o to Eliz., d. of Sir John Byron, of Clayton Hall, Lanc., and Newstead Priory, co. Notts., ancestor of Lord Byron, and 2^o to Kath., d. & coh. of John, Lord Conyers, of Hornby Castle, who died Mch. 8, 1622. In the 1590 "Vewe" Mr Atherton, who was a justice of the peace, was described as "not of good government for his privat state, but well affected in religion and forward." His descendants were all Protestants, and ended in coheiresses; the eldest of whom married the

2nd Lord Lilford, who in 1825 took down the new hall at Atherton, which had been completed at a cost of £63,000 in 1743, and sold the materials.

SHAKERLEY, Geoffrey, of *Shakerley Hall*, in Tyldesley, parish of Leigh, and of Hulme Hall, co. Chester, son of Peter Shakerley, of the same, by Eliz., second d. & coh. of Sir Randle Mainwaring, of Over Peover, co. Chester, mar. Mar. 16, 1562, Jane, d. of Sir Geo. Beeston, of Beeston Hall, co. Chester. In the 1590 "Vewe" he is described as a justice of the peace, but "most comorant in Cheshire," where the family had an extensive estate, and "soundly affected in religion." Being within easy touch of the Bishop of Chester and his officers, he like most of the Cheshire gentry was more speedily coerced into conformity with the new religion than the gentry of Lancashire. He was sheriff of Cheshire in 1611, and died in 1618. His son Hugh succeeded him, and his descendants now reside at Somerford Park, co. Cestr. Shakerley Hall, a picturesque timber erection in the post and pan style, surrounded by a moat, continued to be a residence of the Shakerleys till the middle of the eighteenth century.

BRADSHAIGH, Roger, of *Haigh Hall*, in the parish of Wigan, born about 1505, son of Wm. Bradshaigh, of the same, by Maud, d. of Sir Xfer. Standish, of Duxbury Hall, mar. Jane, d. of Alex. Standish, of Standish Hall, by whom he had eight sons and three daughters. The second son, Edward, designated the deaf, was a priest. In the 1590 "Vewe" Mr Bradshaigh's name appears in the list of knights and esquires not in the commission of the peace, "all of them, though in some degree of comformitie, yet in general note of evil affection in religion, not communicants, and y^e wives of y^e most of them recusants." He died in 1598. All his descendants were devout Catholics till the family was robbed of its faith by no fault of its own, and many of them were noted Carmelites, Jesuits, Benedictines, and nuns. His eldest son, James, who died during the lifetime of his father in 1576-7, married Jane, only d. and h. of Thomas Hoghton, "The Fugitive," of Hoghton Tower. The family was deprived of its faith by the seventh Earl of Derby, who, as lord lieutenant of the county, took Roger, the infant son of James Bradshaigh, the grandson of the James previously mentioned, into wardship, and educated him in the Protestant religion. He was knighted, and subsequently created a baronet in 1679, in conformity with the usual custom of conferring honours on gentlemen of position who had been brought over to Protestantism from the old faith. He was succeeded in the title and estate by three generations of the same name, and upon the death of the last and fourth Sir Roger Bradshaigh in 1731, the baronetcy became extinct, and the extensive estates eventually were carried to the late Earl of Balcarres, whose wife Eliz., only child of Charles Dalrymple, was the great granddaughter and representative of the last Sir Roger Bradshaigh. Haigh Hall is now the seat of the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres.

LANGTON, Thomas (an error for Robert), of *Low Hall*, in Hindley, in the parish of Wigan, lord of the manor of Hindley, was son of Peter Langton, of the same, and though a justice of the peace and reported in the 1590 "Vewe" to be "well affected in religion, but he hath spoiled his estate and useth bad company," he brought all his children up Catholics, and so they and their descendants remained till the extinction of the family. Robert Langton married a daughter of Sir Ralph Leycester, of Toft Hall, co. Chester, and died in 1605. His second son and namesake was a priest. The elder son, Philip, mar. Mary, d. of Thos. Abram, of Abram Hall, and both he and his wife suffered much for their recusancy. The last of the family, Edward Langton, of Low Hall, was a Catholic nonjuror in 1717, and dying without issue, the estate was inherited in 1733 by his nephew William Pugh, whose nephew and heir, Edward Philip Pugh, of Coytmere, Carnarvonshire, sold the estate and manor of Hindley in 1765 to the Duke of Bridgewater, whose representative the Earl of Ellesmere is now the owner. There was a private chapel in the Hall, which the Langtons maintained for the requirements of the neighbourhood. Several of the family were priests.

GERARD, Thomas, of *Ince*, in the parish of Wigan, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, may have been Thomas Gerard, of High le Carr, eldest son and heir of Sir Thomas Gerard, of Bryn, who has been referred to under that note. He kept a priest in his house, and suffered much persecution. It is, however, possible that Lord Burghley intended to refer to Myles Gerard, of Ince Old Hall, s. & h. of Wm. Gerard, of Ince, by Jane, d. of Sir Alex. Osbaldeston, of Osbaldeston Hall. The manor of Ince was conveyed to the Gerards by the marriage of one of them to the heiress of Rich. de Ince in 1400. Myles Gerard mar. Grace, d. of Gabriel Hesketh, of Aughton Hall, and both were indicted in 1586 for receiving at Ince Hall two priests named Worthington and Fris. Stopforth, and in the same year Mr Gerard's brother Alexander, a priest, was presented by the person of Wigan as having been harboured by Thomas Orrell, of Winstanley, and he also at various times served the chapels at Lea Hall and Rixton Hall. Another brother, Thomas, the second son, was also a priest, and both were imprisoned at Wisbeach Castle, where they probably died confessors. In the 1590 "Vewe" Myles Gerard appears in the list of justices who were "in some degree of conformitie, yet in general note of evil affection in religion, not communicants, and y^e wives of y^e most of them recusants." He died in 1615, and was succeeded by his son Thomas, who was twenty-two years of age at the Visitation of 1613. The latter mar. Ellen, d. of Edw. Langtree, of Langtree Hall, another staunch Catholic family, and died in 1673, leaving an only child, Anne, called "the heiress of Ince," in 1686, who had mar. John Gerard, who died in 1672, son of Sir Wm. Gerard, 3rd Bart., of Bryn, by whom she had no issue. The manor of Ince was sold by the heiress's father to Col. Richard Gerard, s. of Sir Thos. Gerard, 2nd Bart.

The colonel's great granddaughter, and coheiress to her brother Richard, mar. John, 2nd son of John Walmesley, of Wigan, father of Richard Walmesley, of Westwood House, in whose descendants Ince Old Hall, a half-timbered house surrounded by a moat, is still vested. The Gerards of Ince were all devout Catholics, and many of them were priests and nuns.

Salford Hundred

RADCLIFFE, Charles, of *Todmorden Hall*, in the parish of Rochdale, born about 1511, son of Edw. Radcliffe, of the same, by Maud, d. of Roger Nowell, of Read Hall, mar. Margt., d. of Thos. Savile, of Ecclesley, and was buried at Rochdale Aug. 30, 1590. His son Henry was a justice of the peace, and died in 1602. The family ended with Joshua Radcliffe, of Todmorden Hall, who died in 1676, and whose only child Eliz., by his wife Cath., d. of Rich. Bradshaw, of Pennington, married Roger Mainwaring, of Carincham, co. Chester, who dissipated the estates and sold Todmorden Hall about 1700.

ASHETON, Richard, of *Cleggswood*, in Milnrow, parish of Rochdale, was probably a son of Arthur Asheton, of Clegg, son of Arthur Asheton, an attorney in Rochdale, said to be a younger son of the Ashetons of Bamfurlong. Wm. Asheton, a justice of the peace, son of Arthur Asheton of Clegg, mar. Anne, d. and coh. of Ralph Belfield, of Clegg Hall, and dying in 1602, devised that estate, by will dated 1582, to his son, Theophilus Asheton, LL.D., who died a bachelor in 1622, when Clegg Hall passed to Edmund Haworth, of Haworth, who had married Dr Asheton's half-sister, Elizabeth.

HOLT, Charles, of *Stubley Hall*, in Hundersfield, parish of Rochdale, son of Robert Holt, of Whitwall, acquired Stubley through his marriage with his distant cousin, Mary d. & coh. of Robert Holt, of Stubley Hall, who died in 1556. The other five daughters and coheiresses do not appear to have been married. Anyhow, Charles Holt was living at Stubley Hall at the Visitation of 1567. He was succeeded before 1600 by his son John, who married Doro., d. of Nic. Banastre, of Altham Hall. His descendants continued to hold Stubley till the death of James Holt, in 1713, who had four daughters and coheiresses: (1) Frces., wife of Jas. Winstanley, M.P., of Bramston, co. Leicester; (2) Eliz., wife of Wm. Cavendish, of Doveridge, co. Derby; (3) Mary, wife of Sam. Chetham, of Turton Tower; and (4) Isabella, wife of Sir Gervase Clifton, of Clifton, co. Notts, Bart. The Winstanleys obtained Stubley, and sold it about 1778 to the Sedgewicks, of Manchester. Subsequently it was purchased by the Schofields, one of whom erected a large mansion near the old Hall. Stubley Hall was one of the earliest examples of an entire structure of stone or brick in this part of the county.

HOPWOOD, Edmund, of *Hopwood Hall*, in the parish of Middleton, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, was the

son of John Hopwood, of the same, by Eliz., d. of Nic. Manley, of Poulton, co. Chester. He mar. Alice, d. of Edm. Assheton, of Chadderton Hall. He was a justice of the peace, in little sympathy with the recently established religion and the methods by which it was being forced upon the people, and a temporizer, but no doubt extra pressure soon brought him into complaisance with Lord Burghley's wishes. He died Feb. 6, 1611-2, and was succeeded by his son, John, who mar. Doro., d. of Chas. Holt, of Stubley Hall. The family became extinct in the male line upon the death of Dr Hopwood early in the 18th century, but the estates passed by will to Edward Gregge, who assumed the additional name of Hopwood, and his descendants are still seated at Hopwood Hall.

HOLT, Robert, of *Ashworth Hall*, in the parish of Middleton, son of Robert Holt, of the same, by Joan, d. of Robt. Langley, of Agecroft Hall, was twice mar., 1^o to Mary, d. of Sir Rich. Assheton, of Middleton Hall, and 2^o to a daughter of Edmund Hopwood, of Hopwood Hall, and had issue by both wives. His will was proved in 1609. His grandson, Richard Holt, of Ashworth, returned a pedigree at the Visitation of 1664.

HOLT, Francis, of *Grizzlehurst Hall*, in Birtle-cum-Bamford, parish of Middleton, son of Sir Thomas Holt, of the same, by Doro., d. of Sir Ralph Longford, of Longford, co. Derby, mar. Ellen, d. of Sir John Holcroft, of Holcroft. He was sheriff of the county in 1575, deputy lieutenant, and justice of the peace. His father had received from Henry VIII a grant of the manor of Spotland, lately belonging to Whalley Abbey. Francis Holt's will was proved in 1604. His descendant, Thomas Posthumous Holt, dying without issue in 1669, devised Grizzlehurst to an alleged distant cousin, Alexander Holt, goldsmith, of London, to whom he was much indebted. The estate was then sold, and but few remains are left of the ancient mansion of Grizzlehurst.

ASSHETON, Richard, of *Middleton Hall*, in the parish of Middleton, born in 1536, was son of Richard Assheton, of the same, by his first wife, Anne, d. of Sir Thos. Gerard, of Bryn. He succeeded his father in 1550, having been contracted in marriage on Feb. 12, of that year, to Eliz., d. of Wm. Davenport, of Bramhall Hall, co. Chester, and was succeeded by his son, Sir Richard, who died in 1617. This branch of the family came to an end with Sir Ralph Assheton, of Middleton, in 1765, who left two daughters and co-heiresses married respectively to Lord Suffield and the Earl of Wilton. The male line of the Asshetons is now represented by the branch seated at Downham Hall. *Vide* under Radcliffe Tower.

ASSHETON, Ralph, of *Great Lever*, in the parish of Middleton, an estate acquired through the marriage of his ancestor Sir Ralph Assheton with Margt., d. & h. of Adam Lever, of Lever, was son of Ralph Assheton, of the same, and his wife Alice, d. of Wm. Hulton,

of Farnworth Hall. He mar. 1^o Johanna, d. & h. of Edward Radcliffe, of Todmorden, and his wife Cicely, d. of Thos. Radcliffe, of Winmarleigh, reliēt of Thos. ffarrington, and hence Mrs Assheton became coheirress with her half-sister Alice ffarrington, who was married to Wm. Singleton, of Stayning, to their cousin Wm. Radcliffe, of Winmarleigh. Mr Assheton mar. 2^o Anne, d. of John Talbot, of the Gatehouse, son of Sir Thos. Talbot, of Bashall, and reliēt of Sir James Ashton, of Chadderton Hall. He was succeeded by his eldest son by his first wife, Sir Ralph Assheton, born in 1579, who was created a baronet in 1620. Mr Assheton was living in 1595, a temporizer, most of his connexions being Catholics.

GREENHALGH, Thomas, of *Brandlesome Hall*, in Elton, parish of Bury, son of John Greenhalgh, of the same, by Anne, d. of Robt. Langley, of Agecroft Hall, died July 18, 1576. His son & heir, John, to whom Lord Burghley probably intended to refer, died Jan. 19, 1615, married Alice, d. & coh. of Robt. Holt, of Stubley Hall, his eldest son Thomas having pre-deceased him in 1598-9. The last heir-male of the family, Henry Greenhalgh, died about the middle of the 18th century, and Brandlesome is now the property of the Powell family.

ASSHETON, Richard, of *Radcliffe Tower*, in the parish of Radcliffe, which he purchased from Thomas Radclyffe, third Earl of Sussex. A further notice of him will be found under Middleton.

BRADSHAW, John, of *Bradshaw Hall*, in the parish of Bolton, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, son of John Bradshaw, of the same, by Anne, d. of John Greenhalgh, of Brandlesome Hall, mar. Isabel, d. of Peter Assheton, of Chadderton Hall, and his descendants held the estate till 1693, when it was purchased by Henry Bradshaw, of Marple Hall, co. Derby, descended from a younger son of Bradshaw of Bradshaw. This gentleman was the nephew of President Bradshaw, the regicide. The family ended in an heiress, who married Nathaniel Isherwood, whose descendants having assumed the additional name of Bradshaw are still in possession of the Bradshaw and Marple estates.

ORRELL, William, of *Turton Tower*, in the chapelry of Turton and the parish of Bolton, was the son of John Orrell, of the same, by Eliz., only daughter of Nic. Butler, of Rawcliffe Hall, by his second wife Isabel, d. & coh. of John Clayton, of Clayton Hall, in Clayton-le-Woods, and consequently the Clayton estate descended to the Orrell family, but was subsequently sold by them to Hugh Anderton, of Euxton Hall. In 1581 he succeeded his father, a staunch Catholic, to the manors of Turton and Dalton. In 1575 he married the widow of William Singleton, of Bank Hall, in Broughton, and d. of Cuthbert Clifton, of Westby Hall, by Cath., d. of Sir Richard Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower. After his wife's death without issue he mar. 2^o Mary, d. of George Ireland, of The

Hutt, by whom he had three sons and four daughters. He died at Southwark, co. Surrey, May 29, 1612, and was succeeded by his son John. The latter married Alice, d. of Xfer. Anderton, of Lostock Hall, but *ob. s. p.* in Jan. 1626-7, when the estate passed to his brother William Orrell, who sold Turton Tower and estate to Humphrey Chetham, of Clayton Hall, July 19, 1628. The Orrells were staunch recusants, and regularly appear in the rolls. Mass was said in the Tower. The old chapel bell, bearing the Orrell arms and the date 1587, is still preserved at Turton Tower, which is one of the most interesting old mansions left in the county.

BOLTON, Robert, of *Little Bolton Hall*, in the parish of Bolton-le-Moors, purchased that ancient family estate from his relative Richard Bolton. He made his will at Acton Grange, in the parish of Runcorn, co. Cheshire, Jan. 22, 1603-4, and died the same day. His nephew Robert, born Feb. 26, 1599, succeeded to the estate. The estate passed into other hands early in the 17th century. Robert Bolton and the family generally were recusants. One of the same name, of Little Bolton Hall, mar. Agnes, d. of Nic. Rishton, of Dunkenhall Hall, and relict of Mr. Holcroft, of Holcroft, and Rich. Worthington, of Blainscough Hall.

BARTON, Robert, of *Smithells Hall*, in Halliwell, parish of Dean, and of Holme Hall, co. Notts, born in 1524, was the son of Andrew Barton, of the same, by Agnes, d. of Sir Wm. Stanley, of Hooton Hall, co. Chester. He mar. Margery, d. of Sir Piers Legh, of Lyme, co. Chester, and of Haydock and Bradley, co. Lanc. One of his sisters, Margt., was the first wife of the redoubtable recusant, John Westby, of Mowbreck Hall. It was before Robert Barton that the Puritan George Meresh was brought for examination in 1555; he died in 1580, *s. p.* His widow married secondly Richard Shuttleworth, chief justice of Chester, and was living in 1589. Perhaps it was owing to this circumstance that Smithells still remained in Robert Barton's name on Lord Burghley's map. Robert's brother Ralph is said to have inherited the estate, and dying in 1592 was succeeded by his son Randle. The latter was a conformist, and dying Dec. 10, 1611, was succeeded by his son Sir Thomas Barton, then of the age of 28 years. Sir Thomas married Christiana, d. of Wm. Cartwright, of Ossington, co. Notts, whose grandparents were Edmund Cartwright and his wife Agnes Cranmer, sister of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dying in 1659, Sir Thomas left an only d. & h., Grace, wife of Henry Belasyse, eld. son of Sir Thomas Belasyse, first Viscount Fauconberg. Smithells Hall thus became a residence of the Belasyse family, and once more Mass was said in the ancient chapel, and when the estate was sold three years after the death of the third Viscount Fauconberg in 1721, some funds were reserved for the Catholic mission in the district.

HEATON, John, of *Heaton Hall*, parish of Dean, would apparently be the second son of William Heaton, of the same, by Jane,

d. of Sir William Farington, of Farington. His elder brother Ralph died, *s.p.*, and presumably he did likewise, for the manors of Heaton and Birchley (in Billing) were assigned in 1593 to James Anderton, of Lostock, by one Richard Heaton, of Meath, in Ireland, a bastard of old William Heaton, though he claimed to be son and heir of Ferdinando Heaton, son of Lambert Heaton, half-brother to William Heaton, the father of Ralph and John. These estates had been mortgaged to Xfer. Anderton, of Lostock, the father of James, and the Andertons had foreclosed, and hence Birchley Hall was settled upon Xfer. Anderton, a younger son of Christopher, who was ancestor of the Andertons of Birchley, now represented by Lord Gerard. The story of this foreclosure seems to reflect very seriously upon the probity of the Andertons. The Heatons suffered very much for their recusancy, which helped to bring about their ruin. The sister of William Heaton died a Bridgettine nun at Syon in 1492, and after the loss of their estates, John Heaton, born in 1601, son of Thos. Heaton, of Heaton, and his wife, Doro., d. of Thos. Anderton, of Horwich, became a Jesuit and died in 1683. His widowed mother was still paying her fines for recusancy in 1634.

HULTON, Alan, of *Farnworth Hall*, in the parish of Dean, son of Alexander, succeeded his cousin William Hulton to the Farnworth estates, and mar. 1^o Isabella, d. of Geoffrey Greenhalgh, and 2^o Margery, d. of Henry Potter, and relict of John Lathom, of Mosborough Hall, by both of whom he had children. He died a Catholic in 1592-3, and many of his descendants are to be found on the recusant rolls. His widow died in 1597.

HULTON, William, of *Hulton Park*, in Over Hulton, parish of Dean, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, born about 1540, was son of Adam Hulton, of the Park, by Clemence, d. of Sir Wm. Norreys, of Speke Hall. He mar. Martha, d. of Henry Keighley, of Inskip Hall, by Eliz., d. of Sir Alexander Osbaldeston, of Osbaldeston Hall, and died Aug. 18, 1624. He was a staunch recusant, and from 1577 he and his wife were constantly reported to the Council as refusing to conform to the established religion. In Oct., 1592, the Council was informed that "Mr Hilton of the Parke hathe this daie a Recusante to his schoolemaster, whom he hathe kepte in house manie yeares." Very probably the schoolmaster, or tutor, was secretly a priest, and Mass was certainly said in the hall for a long time. The present representative of the family, Sir Wm. Wilbraham Blethyn Hulton, Bart., many years ago showed the writer of these notes some ancient ecclesiastical plate which he presumed had formerly belonged to the domestic chapel. William Hulton's children, and many of his descendants continued to appear in the recusant rolls till the latter half of the 17th century.

WORSLEY, Robert, of *Booths Hall*, in Worsley, parish of Eccles, son of Sir Robt. Worsley, of the same, and his wife, Alice, d. of Thurstan Tyldesley, of Wardley Hall, by Parnell, d. of Geoffrey

Shakerley, of Shakerley Hall within Tyldesley, mar. Eliz., d. of Sir Thos. Gerard, of Bryn, by Eliz., eld. d. and coh. of Sir Jno. Port, of Etwall, co. Derby. Hence Mrs Worsley was sister to the eminent Fr. John Gerard, S.J. The family were staunch to the ancient faith of the fatherland, and their names appear annually on the recusant rolls for several generations. Robert's son, Thomas, married Kath., d. and coh. of Henry Keighley, of Keighley Hall, co. York, and of Inskip Hall, co. Lanc., by Mary, d. of Sir Thos. Carus, justice of the Queen's bench, and her sister Anne Keighley became the wife of Sir Wm. Cavendish, Baron Cavendish of Hardwick, ancestor of the Duke of Devonshire, and carried the Inskip estates to that family, which still retains them. Both Thomas Worsley and his wife were recusants in 1635, and their grandson, Thomas, who succeeded to the estate, removed to Hovingham, co. York, where he was living *temp.* Dugdale's Visitation of the county in 1664. His mother was the dau. of Sir John Wood, of Beeston, near Leeds, in that county. The manor of Booths was sold by the Worsleys to the Charnocks, one of whom, Robert Charnock, married Cath., d. of Sir Thomas Gerard, of Bryn, and sister of Robert Worsley's wife. The Booths estate was subsequently sold by Thos. Charnock and others to Francis Sherington, of London, merchant, and his trustee, Richard Worsley, of Wardley. Fris. Sherington's son and namesake disposed of Booths to the Clowes family, from whom it was acquired by the Bridgewater trustees.

BOOTH, John, of *Barton Park*, in Barton-upon-Irwell, parish of Eccles, was the son and heir of John Booth, of the same, by his first wife, Anne, d. of Sir Richard Brereton, Lord of Worsley in right of his wife, Joan, d. & h. of Wm. Stanley, s. & h. of Sir Wm. Stanley, of Holt, co. Denbigh, brother of Thomas, Earl of Derby. He mar. 1^o, Nov. 22, 1547, Anne, d. of Richard Assheton, of Middleton Hall, by whom he had no issue, 2^o, about 1560 or earlier, Ellen, d. of Sir Piers Legh, of Lyme, co. Chester, by whom he left four daughters and coheirresses at the time of his death in 1576, which will account for Lord Burghley's omission of his Christian name. Of the four daughters, the eldest, Margt., became the first wife of Sir Edmund Trafford, of Trafford Hall, and carried the manor of Barton to that family, now represented by Sir Humphrey Fris. de Trafford, 3rd Bart., lord of the manor of Barton; the second, Anne, mar., about 1578, George Legh, of High Legh, co. Chester; the third, Kath., died unmar. about 1583; and the fourth, Doro., mar. John Molyneux, second son of Wm. Molyneux, of Sefton. After the death of his first wife Sir Edmund Trafford married secondly the Lady Mildred Cecil, second d. of Thomas, second Lord Burghley and Earl of Exeter, and granddaughter of the annottator of the map.

TYLDESLEY, Thurstan, of *Wardley Hall*, in Worsley, and of Tyldesley, parish of Eccles, born in 1532, son of Thos. Tyldesley, of the same, by Jane, d. and h. of Hugh Birkenhead, mar. Margt.,

d. of Sir Wm. Norreys, of Speke Hall. In 1581 he sold Wardley Hall to Gilbert Sherington, who died there Aug. 20, 1597, and was succeeded by his brother, Francis Sherington, who likewise dying at Wardley, June 3, 1600, left the estate to his widow, Kath., natural d. and h. of Ralph Worsley, of Worsley Mesnes. The widow Sherington conveyed Wardley about 1601 to her own and her husband's cousin, Roger Downes, and died Jan. 13, 1602-3. The Downes family held Wardley for several generations, till it came to a close with an heiress, Penelope Downes, wife of Richard Savage, Earl Rivers, who *ob.s.p.* in 1712. The hall is now the property of the Earl of Ellesmere, who has recently restored it. It is a fine example of the quadrangular half-timber structures in the post and pan style, surrounded by a very large moat. It still contains, enshrined in a niche on the staircase, the skull of the Benedictine martyr, Edward Ambrose Barlow, who used to say Mass in the domestic chapel, and was a relative of the Downes family. Thurstan Tyldesley's son, Sir Thomas Tyldesley, of Gray's Inn, attorney-general for the county, and one of the learned counsel of the North, died in 1635, leaving two daughters and coheiresses, Eliz., wife of Edm. Breres, of Brockholes, barrister-at-law, and Anne, mar. 1^o to Thos. Southworth, of Samlesbury Hall, and 2^o to Adam Mort, of Preston.

HOLLAND, William, of *Clifton Hall*, in the parish of Eccles, eld. s. of Thos. Holland of the same, by Ellen, d. of Thos. Langley, of Agecroft Hall, died *sine prole*, apparently in 1581, as did his brothers Robert and Thomas, all recusants, after which the manor of Clifton passed to their only sister, Eleanor, wife of Ralph Slade. Upon the death of Mrs. Slade, Nov. 13, 1613, the manor passed under her will to Thos. Holland, then about 30 years of age, son of William Holland, and grandson of John Holland, Mrs. Slade's father's younger brother. Robert Holland, William's younger brother, was a very staunch Catholic, and was imprisoned in Salford Gaol for his "obstinate opinions" in 1584.

DAUNTESEY, Thomas, of *Agecroft Hall*, in Pendlebury, parish of Eccles, belonged to a Wiltshire family, and in 1561 mar. Anne, one of the four daughters and coheiresses of Sir Robert Langley, of Agecroft Hall (who died in the previous year), by Cecily, d. of Edmund Trafford, of Trafford. The Langleys were descended from the knightly family seated at Langley in the parish of Middleton, and of this branch was Cardinal Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham, and lord chancellor of England, who died in 1437. The Dauntesey family came to an end in the male line towards the close of the 18th century, when the estate passed to the Rev. Rich. Buck, whose brother John assumed the name of Dauntesey, and his representative still possesses Agecroft. The hall is a large quadrangular erection in the half-timber style, and is in a very good state of preservation, though the neighbourhood is much deteriorated by coalpits and works.

MASSYE, Thomas, of *Wickleswick Hall*, in Barton, parish of Eccles, in 1576 succeeded his father Thomas Massye, whose wife was Kath., d. of George Lathom, of Irlam Hall. The manor of Wickleswick originally belonged to the De Pendleburys, from whom it passed to the Prestwich family, and from them by marriage to the Bolds. From the latter it passed with Agnes, d. & h. of Nic. de Bold, to her husband Hugo Massye, son of Sir Geoffrey Massye, and subsequently the estate passed into the hands of the Traffords. Between 1672 and 1703, the Traffords abandoned Trafford Hall, which was situated close to the high road leading into Manchester, for the greater seclusion of Wickleswick Hall, which eventually became known as Trafford House, and their ancient residence and surroundings henceforth became Old Trafford.

HULME, James, of "*Ash*," "*Deffe*," or "*Davy*" *Hulme Hall*, in the township of Barton, and parish of Eccles, died in 1613. The family were intermarried with the Traffords. On Sept. 22, 1642, Rich. Hulme, of Davy Hulme, married Susan, great granddaughter and heiress of Wm. Hyde, of Urmston, and brought that estate into the Hulme family. Davy Hulme, after having been the seat of the Hulmes from a remote period, was eventually sold in the 18th century to John Allen, of Mayfield, co. Derby, whose d. & h. conveyed it to her husband Henry Norreys, whose descendants still possess it.

HYDE, William, of *Urmston Hall*, in the parish of Flixton, an estate obtained through the marriage of Ralph Hyde, second son of Thos. Hyde, of Norbury and Hyde, with the d. and h. of Adam Urmston. Wm. Hyde was the second son and successor of Wm. Hyde, of Urmston, by his first wife Eleanor, d. of John Foville, of Middlewich, co. Chester. He mar. June 10, 1548, Margt., d. of John Arderne, of Harden Hall, co. Chester, (by Anne, d. of Robert Hyde, of Hyde and Norbury), and she was living at the date of his will, Aug. 23, 1587. He was succeeded by his son John, who returned a pedigree at the Visitation of 1613, and mar. Susan, d. of Wm. Assheton, of Clegg, by Anne, d. & coh. of Ralph Belfield, of Clegg Hall. The Hydes ended in an heiress, Susan, the great granddaughter of Wm. Hyde, who married Rich. Hulme, of Davy Hulme.

TRAFFORD, Sir Edmund, of *Trafford Hall*, in the chapelry of Stretford and parish of Manchester, was the eldest son and heir of Sir Edmund Trafford, of the same, the greatest persecutor and despoiler of Catholics in Lancashire, who died April 24, 1590. This approximates the dates of the original map and transcript, for in both the son is denoted by being styled armiger. The father mar. 1^o Mary, d. of Lord Edmund Howard, and sister of Queen Catharine Howard, by whom he had no children, and 2^o Eliz., d. of Sir Ralph Leicester, of Toft Hall, co. Chester, relict of Sir Randle Mainwaring, of Peover, by whom he had Edmund and two daughters. The son was knighted by James I. at York in 1603. He was

twice mar., 1^o a child-marriage in 1564, to Margt., d. & h. of John Booth, of Barton Hall, through whom he acquired half of the township of Barton-upon-Irwell, and by whom he had three sons and one daughter, all of whom he disinherited, probably on account of the differences he had with their unhappy mother on account of her religion, for the Booths were a staunch Catholic family, and 2^o to Mildred, second d. of Thos. Cecil, second Lord Burghley and first Earl of Exeter, and relict of Ralph Read. This marriage took place some nine months before the death, Augt. 4, 1598, of the great Elizabethan statesman, Wm. Cecil, Lord Burghley, for whom this map was drawn up. By this second marriage he was father of Sir Cecil Trafford, who was so named in compliment to his unscrupulous and persecuting great grandfather. Though brought up in the most rigid anti-Catholic spirit—the breath of his paternal grandfather and maternal great grandfather—and described as “a most vile Puritan,” and a great persecutor of Catholics, Cecil Trafford was himself converted as the result of a controversy held in 1636 between himself and Francis and his brother John Downes of Wardley Hall. The tradition is that Dom Richard Huddleston, O.S.B., one of the disputants on the Catholic side, used with such effect his “Short and Plain Way to the Faith and Church,” that not only Cecil Trafford, but a number of other leading gentlemen were induced to be reconciled to the Church. During the civil war, in 1642, this “archpapist,” as he was now termed, was seized by the Puritans and imprisoned in the New Fleet at Hunt’s Bank in Manchester, and subsequently he was transferred to a ship’s hold at Kingston-upon-Hull. He died in 1672, a staunch Catholic, as his descendants have ever remained. The family is now represented by Sir Humphrey Francis de Trafford, 3rd Bart., but Trafford Park has of late years become an industrial centre, and is no longer the seat of the family. It has been noted under Thomas Massye that the mansion in what is known as Trafford Park was really Wickleswick Hall, and is situated in Barton, the original hall and park being now called Old Trafford.

BARLOW, Sir Alexander, of *Barlow Hall*, in the parish of Manchester, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, born in 1556, was son of Alexander Barlow, of Barlow, by Eliz., d. & h. of George Legh, of Manchester, a younger son of the family of High Legh, co. Chester. His aunt, Margaret Barlow, was the wife of Edward Stanley, third Earl of Derby, and his sister Jane was a Bridgettine nun at Syon, who moved with the community and died at Lisbon in 1593. His father, true to his motto, *Prest et fort*, which is yet to be seen with his initials and the date 1574 in one of the windows at Barlow Hall, suffered very greatly for his constancy to the faith of his ancestors, was imprisoned in Salford Gaol, and died a confessor of the faith in Aug. 1584. When about four years of age, in 1562, according to the prevalent custom, Sir Alexander was espoused to Eliz., d. & coh. of Ralph Belfield, of Clegg Hall, near Rochdale, but in 1574 the contract was dissolved as he de-

clined to ratify the marriage, and he subsequently took to wife Mary, d. of Sir Urian Brereton, of Handforth Hall, co. Chester, by whom he had eight sons and six daughters, of whom were Sir Alexander, his successor, Dom Wm. Rudesind, president-general of the English Benedictines, Dom Edward Ambrose, O.S.B., who was martyred at Lancaster for being a priest in 1641, and whose skull is now at Wardley Hall, John who died a priest or in orders at the English College at Seville, and Dom Robt. Theodore, O.S.B. Sir Alexander and his son were both knighted by James I, in 1603, an honour, however, which did not shield them from the persecuting spirit of the times, and the penalties and exactions imposed on Catholics by the cruel acts of Queen Elizabeth and her successors. In 1609 the benefits of Sir Alexander's recusancy was granted by James I to two merciless parasites named Markey and Webber, who collected the income of two thirds of his estate. He died Apr. 14, 1620. His own portrait he bequeathed to his wife "to keepe during her lyffe," with an injunction that it should afterwards remain as an heirloom at Barlow Hall, and the engraving, which till the death of the late Sir Wm. Cunliffe-Brooks, Bart., hung in the dining-room of the mansion, is now in the possession of the present writer. The family remained true to the faith till it came to an end upon the death of Thomas Barlow in 1773, after which the Barlow Hall estate was sold in 1785 to the Egertons of Tatton, and is now held by Earl Egerton. The mansion is a large quadrangular erection in the half-timbered style, with part of the ancient moat still in existence, but it was greatly injured by an unfortunate fire during Sir Wm. Cunliffe-Brooks's tenancy. It contained a chapel which was in frequent use during penal times.

LONGFORD, . . . , of *Hough Park*, in Withington, parish of Manchester, was the representative of a very ancient family, one of their seats being Longford Hall in Stretford, which was eventually purchased by the late John Rylands, who died there. The Hough, otherwise Withington Old Hall, was the residence of the Mosleys in 1600.

REDDISH, Alexander, of *Reddish Hall*, in the parish of Manchester, was the son of John Reddish, of the same, by Margt., d. & coh. of Sir Robt. Langley, of Agecroft Hall, by Cecily, d. of Sir Edmund Trafford, of Trafford. He succeeded his father in 1569. He mar. Cath., d. & h. of Humphrey Dethick, of Newhall, co. Derby, and died at Reddish June 6, 1613, leaving two drs. & cohers., Grace, wife of Sir Robert Darcy, and Sara, aged respectively 25 and 12½ at the time of their father's death. He was a justice of the peace. Reddish Hall was taken down about 1780.

HOLLAND, Richard, of *Denton Hall*, in the parish of Manchester, born 1549, was the eldest son of Edward Holland, of the same, by his first wife Jane, d. of John Carrington, of Carrington Hall, co. Chester, and the grandson of Sir Richard Holland. He mar. 1^o a d. of

Otys Reddish, of Reddish Hall, by Alice, d. of Ralph Prestwich, of Hulme Hall, by whom he does not appear to have had issue, and 2^o Margt., d. & coh. of Sir Robt. Langley, of Agecroft Hall, and relict of John Reddish, of Reddish Hall, her mother Cecily, d. of Sir Edmund Trafford, of Trafford, having married secondly Richard Holland's father Edward, as his second wife. By this lady Richard Holland had five drs. & cohers., married respectively to Adam Eccleston of Eccleston, Arthur Aldborough of Aldborough, Wm. Brereton of Handforth, Robert Duckenfield of Duckenfield, and Jno. Preston of The Manor, all Catholic families. He succeeded his father to Denton in 1573, but also appears to have resided at Heaton Hall, in Prestwich. He was thrice sheriff of the county, 1573, 1583 and 1596. In his capacity of justice of the peace he was greatly esteemed by Lord Burghley and the Queen for his relentless persecution of Catholics. Indeed, Fr Edmund Campion, the martyr, complained of him as being one of the most rigid of the Lancashire Puritan magistrates. And all this in spite of so many of his near connexions being Catholics. He died at the end of 1618, and was succeeded in the Denton and Heaton estates by his brother Edward, whose son returned a pedigree at the Visitation of 1664. The latter, the Rev. Wm. Holland, rector of Malpas 1652-1680, died at Heaton in 1682, and his d. & event. sole h. Eliz., in 1684 conveyed the estates of Denton and Heaton in marriage to Sir Jno. Egerton of Egerton and Oulton, co. Chester, 3rd Bart., ancestor of the earls of Wilton. Denton Hall, an interesting mansion in the black and white style, was erected by Rich. Holland in the 16th century. Heaton Hall has recently been acquired by the Corporation of Manchester from the Earl of Wilton for a public park.

HYDE, Robert, of *Hyde Hall*, Denton, parish of Manchester, son of Wm. Hyde and his wife Cath., d. of Alex. Elcock, of Stockport, co. Chester, mar. Anne, d. of John Arderne, of Harden, co. Chester, by Anne, d. of Robert Hyde, of Norbury. He returned pedigrees at the Visitations of 1567 and 1613. He was succeeded by his son William, born 1563, who mar. Eleanor, d. of John Molyneux, of New Hall, in West Derby, and died Sept. 30, 1639. The family ended in an heiress, Anne, d. of Robt. Hyde, *ob.* 1699, who mar. Sir Ralph Assheton, of Middleton, and, though she *ob. s.p.*, Hyde Hall passed to Kath., d. & coh. of Sir Ralph by a previous marriage, who became the wife of Thos. Lister, of Arnoldsbiggin, co. York. The latter's son and namesake, of Gisburn Park, M.P., mar. Beatrix, d. of Jessop Hulton, of Hulton Park, and dying Nov. 28, 1761, was succeeded by his only son Thos. Lister, created Lord Ribblesdale in 1797. In 1762 Hyde Hall was sold by the Listers to Wm. Hulton, of Hulton Park, and in 1813 the estate passed by sale from the Hultons to Fris. Woodiwiss, of Manchester, at whose death in 1830 it descended to his dau. Mary. It is now owned by James Watts, of Abney Hall (s. of Sir Jas. Watts), whose maternal great grandmother was Mary Hyde. Hyde Hall is a picturesque half-timbered erection of various dates, the oldest por-

tion being of the 16th century, another, as evidenced by a date over the gateway, was added by Robt. Hyde in 1625, and a third part is denoted by the initials of Robt. and Mary Hyde and the date 1687.

ASHTON, Edward, of *Chadderton Hall*, in the parish of Prestwich-cum-Oldham, died in 1584, and at the date of this map his son James was in possession. The father, descended from the second son of Sir Thomas Ashton, of Ashton, was the son of James Ashton, of Chadderton, and his wife, Anne, d. of Charles Mainwaring, of Croxton, co. Chester, and mar. Anne, d. of Ralph Prestwich, of Hulme Hall, and was succeeded by his eldest son, James, a justice of the peace in 1600. The latter mar. Doro., d. and coh. of Sir Robt. Langley, of Agecroft Hall, by Cecily, d. of Sir Edm. Trafford, of Trafford, and dying *s.p.*, Aug. 11, 1612, was succeeded by his nephew, Edmund, eldest son of his late brother Richard. The Ashtons retained Chadderton till about 1690, when it was sold to Joshua Horton, of Sowerby, co. York, by the Rev. Wm. Ashton, B.D.

RADCLYFFE, William, *Foxdenton Hall*, in Chadderton, parish of Prestwich-cum-Oldham, born 1528, eldest son of Thomas Radclyffe, of the same and of Tillesleys, mar. Margery, d. of . . . Hawkward, and had an only son, Walter, who died unmarried. He died in 1590, and Foxdenton passed to his brother, John, of Gisburn, co. York, whose d. and h., Margt., mar. Rich. Radcliffe, third son of Sir Wm. Radcliffe, of Ordsall Hall, and was succeeded by Sir Wm. Radclyffe, of Foxdenton. The Radclyffes still own Foxdenton, now ruined as a residence by mills and works, but have been settled in Dorsetshire for some time.

BYRON, Sir John, of *Clayton Hall*, in Droylsden, parish of Manchester, and of Newstead Priory, co. Notts, was the son of Sir Jno. Byron, of the same, by his wife Eliz., d. of Wm. Costerdin, of Blackley, and relict of George Halgh, of Halgh, but was born out of wedlock. His father, whom he succeeded in 1566, had received a grant of Newstead Priory in 1540. He mar. Alice, d. of Sir Nic. Strelley, of Strelley, co. Notts. In 1572 and again in 1581 he was sheriff of the county, and in 1579 was knighted by Q. Elizabeth; and was, of course, a justice of the peace for the county. He died in 1603, leaving three sons and three daughters. His eldest son, Sir John, mar. Anne, d. of Sir Rich. Molyneux, Bart., of Sefton, by Fres., d. of Sir Gilbert Gerard, master of the rolls, and was the father of Sir John Byron, created Baron Byron of Rochdale, co. Lanc., Oct. 24, 1643, from whom descended the poet, the 6th Lord Byron. Clayton Hall eventually was purchased by Humphrey Chetham, sheriff of the county in 1635, and now belongs to the Corporation of Manchester.

LEGH, Thomas, of *Alkrington Hall*, in the parish of Manchester, was the 4th son of Sir Peter Legh, of Lyme, co. Chester, by

Margt., d. of Sir Thos. Gerard, of Bryn. He mar. Cath., d. and coh. of Sir Robt. Langley, of Agecroft Hall, and *jure uxoris* held Alkrington, but by her is said to have had no legitimate issue. In his will dated Oct. 22, 1597, proved in the same year, he names his "reputed sonne Robert Leigh" and "three younger reputed sonnes," John, Roger and Thomas, and yet it is noteworthy that his widow, in her will dated Mch. 18, 1619-20, refers to these children without any qualification, as, for instance, "my son Robert."

RADCLIFFE, Sir John, of *Ordsall Hall*, Salford, in the parish of Manchester, born in 1536, was the second son of Sir Wm. Radcliffe, of the same, by Margt., d. of Sir Edmund Trafford, of Trafford, and succeeded his father in 1568, owing to the death of his elder brother, Sir Alexander, a fortnight previously. He mar. Anne, only d. & h. of Thos. Asshawe, of the Hall-o'th' Hill, near Chorley, by Mary, d. of James Anderton, of Euxton Hall. He was a justice of the peace and deputy lieutenant for the county, and from 1563 to 1567 he represented Wigan in parliament, and from 1571 to 1585 was knight of the shire. In the latter year he was reported to the Council as "a daungerous temporiser" in religion. He was buried in the Manchester Collegiate Church, Feb. 11, 1589. He was succeeded by his eldest son Sir Alexander, born 1573, who was slain in Ireland, unmarried, in 1599, as was his second son William in 1598. His third son, Sir John Radcliffe, born in 1581, succeeded to Ordsall, mar. Alice, d. of Sir John Byron, of Clayton Hall and Newstead Priory, and was slain in the Isle of Rhé in 1627. Sir John was succeeded by his son Sir Alexander Radcliffe, K.B., born in 1608, who mar. Jane, *fil. nat.*, but adopted dau. & sole surviving issue of Robert Radcliffe, 5th Earl of Sussex, K.G. He was knighted at the coronation of Charles I, though under seventeen years of age at the time. He was the last Radcliffe to reside at Ordsall Hall, his eldest son John having settled at the Manor of Attleborough, co. Norfolk, inherited from his mother. The Manor of Ordsall was conveyed by Wm. Jessop, John Radcliffe, and his mother Dame Jane Radcliffe to John Birch in 1662, and is now the property of Earl Egerton of Tatton. The family is still represented by the Radclyffes of Foxdenton, descended from the 6th son of the last Sir Alexander Radcliffe. Ordsall Hall, a fine specimen of black & white, now situated in an industrial and smoky part of Salford, has recently been converted into a Church House by Lord Egerton.

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